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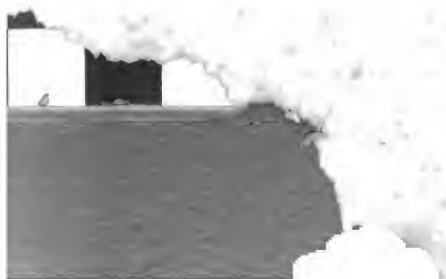
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COCHITUATE HALL, BOSTON, {
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1850,—8¼ o' clock, A. M. }

THE National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America assembled. Most Worthy Patriarch Samuel F. Cary in the Chair.

Officers present:—M. W. P., S. F. Cary,
M. W. Sent., W. S. Williford.

Vacancies filled by M. W. P.

Prayer by M. W. Chaplain, pro tem.

M. W. P. declared the National Division ready for business.

The M. W. Scribe not having arrived, (owing to detention of the cars,) P. M. W. P., Philip S. White submitted a motion that Bro. Hubbard W. Swett, G. S. of G. D. of Massachusetts, be chosen assistant M. W. S.

Agreed to.

Bro. H. W. Swett was then introduced and obligated as assistant M. W. S.

M. W. P. appointed the following Committee on credentials:—Bros. Clarkson, Patterson, and Young.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following correct.*

* This list comprises the various reports of the Committee.

NEW YORK.———Daniel H. Sands, *New York*.
John W. Oliver, *New York*.
A. D. Wilson, *New York*.
George Hall, *Brooklyn*.
James Kennedy, *New York*.
John S. Graham, *Geneva*.
J. S. Smith, *Kingston*.
James H. Perry, *New York*.
Wakeman H. Dikeman, *New York*.
Aaron L. West, *Brooklyn*.
S. R. Kirby, *New York*.
Warren Rockwell, *New York*.
Charles Bartlett, *Poughkeepsie*.
D. P. Barnard, *Brooklyn*.
William Edmonds, *New York*.
William S. Dillingham, *Brooklyn*,

NEW JERSEY.———Benjamin F. Yard, *Trenton*.
William N. Searles, *Crosswicks*.
Jacob S. Yard, *Trenton*.
Darius Wells, *Paterson*.
John C. Sheets, *Glassboro'*.

MARYLAND.———William E. Wright, *Baltimore*.
John A. Thompson, *Baltimore*.
James Young, *Baltimore*.
Jacob M. Jennings, *Tuscaloosa, Ala*.
Thomas L. Murphy, *Baltimore*.
Joseph W. Stewart, *Baltimore*.
Edwin Wilmer, *Port Deposit*.
William P. Spencer, *Baltimore*.

PENNSYLVANIA.———Philip S. White, *Philadelphia*.
T. B. Florence, "
Frederick A. Fickardt, "
George Crosby, "
Robert M. Foust, "
Edward Paxson, "
James B. Wood, "
G. M. Cooper, "
W. H. Stokes, *Germantown*.
Ernest F. Bleck, *Bethlehem*.
C. L. Magee, *Pittsburg*.
Thomas P. Hunt, *Wyoming Valley*.

CONNECTICUT.———Edward B. Cooke, *Waterbury*.
Friend W. Smith, *New Haven*.

- Elisha M. Gorham, *New Haven*.
 James S. Clark, *Brookfield*.
 Andrew L. Stone, *Boston*.
- MASSACHUSETTS. — Samuel Ellis, *Boston*.
 William R. Stacy, "
 David N. Merritt, *Vandusenville*.
 William A. White, *Watertown*.
 Daniel Baxter, *West Newton*.
 Stephens Baker, *Beverly*.
 Charles W. Slack, *Boston*.
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. — John D. Clark, *Washington*.
 A. F. Cunningham, "
 Peter M. Pearson, "
 John C. Harkness, "
 D. M. Drew, "
 John Waters, "
 W. C. Choate, "
 B. F. Pleasants, "
 William Whitney, —
 John Garrett, *Georgetown*.
 Jenkin Thomas, "
- VIRGINIA. — Edward Delany, *Norfolk*.
 James L. Jones, *Gordonsville*.
 Alexander P. Abell, *Charlottesville*.
 William R. Drinkard, *Petersburg*.
 Lucian Minor, *Louisa Court House*.
- MAINE. — Charles Freeman, *Portland*.
 S. B. Dockham, *Warren*.
 J. P. Weston, *Gardiner*.
 Nathaniel Wilson, *Orono*.
 A. P. Higgins, *East Thomaston*.
 Joshua Nye, Jr., *Kendall's Mills*.
 L. W. Kennedy, *Warren*.
- OHIO. — Samuel F. Cary, *College Hill*.
- DELAWARE. — Joshua S. Valentine, *Wilmington*.
- INDIANA. — Edward H. Barry, *Brookville*.
 C. F. Clarkson, "
 Lewis J. Adams, *Madison*.
 William Hannaman, *Indianapolis*.
 Fabius M. Finch, *Franklin*.
 John Pritchett, *California*.
 Benjamin T. Kavanagh, *Indianapolis*.
- TENNESSEE. — Isaac Litton, *Nashville*.
 Isaac Paul, "
- NORTH CAROLINA. — J. E. Lumsden, *Raleigh*.

	Joshua Boner, <i>Salem</i> .
	John White, <i>Capel Hill</i> .
	David P. Weir, <i>Greensboro'</i> .
	Samuel G. Smith, <i>Fayetteville</i> .
	James H. Enniss, <i>Salisbury</i> .
	George D. Boggan, <i>Wadesboro'</i> .
KENTUCKY.	Charles B. Parsons, <i>Louisville</i> .
	John H. Heywood, " "
	Charles Eginton, <i>Winchester</i> .
	Nathaniel D. Hunter, <i>Maysville</i> .
GEORGIA.	W. S. Williford, <i>Macon</i> .
	George S. Obear, " "
	William Dibble, " "
	Joseph Felt, <i>Savannah</i> .
	Bernard Hill, <i>Talbotton</i> .
	John J. Floyd, <i>Covington</i> .
	P. A. Lawson, <i>Griffin</i> .
ILLINOIS.	Nelson D. Elwood, <i>Joliet</i> .
	Henry C. Park, <i>Galena</i> .
	John F. Grosh, <i>Mt. Morris</i> .
RHODE ISLAND.	George R. Keimer, <i>Pawtucket</i> .
MICHIGAN.	Albert M. Baker, <i>Adrian</i> .
	Alonzo Cressey, <i>Hillsdale</i> .
MISSOURI.	William S. Stewart, <i>St. Louis</i> .
NEW HAMPSHIRE.	Thomas E. Sawyer, <i>Dover</i> .
	John B. Fish, <i>Lowell, Mass.</i>
	Henry M. Dexter, <i>Boston, Mass.</i>
	Edwin P. Hill, <i>Nashua</i> .
	Elisha Adams, <i>Manchester</i> .
	John Preston, <i>New Ipswich</i> .
LOUISIANA.	James Patterson, <i>New Orleans</i> .
	Lewis Dillard, " "
	Rowert W. Powell, " "
	Robert M. Lusher, " "
	J. J. Lugenbuhl, " "
	Benjamin Lyons, <i>Clinton</i> .
SOUTH CAROLINA.	Joseph Grisham, <i>Pickens</i> .
ALABAMA.	Memorable W. Creagh, <i>McKinley</i> .
NEW BRUNSWICK.	Alexander Campbell, <i>St. John</i> .
	Samuel L. Tilley, " "
	Asa Coy, <i>Frederickton</i> .
	James Johnston, " "
MISSISSIPPI.	Marcus T. Carpenter, <i>Jackson</i> .
IOWA.	Alexander D. Anderson, <i>Du Buque</i> .
	Hiram Price, <i>Davenport</i> .

WISCONSIN.	George E. H. Day, <i>Milwaukee.</i> John B. Smith, “
NOVA SCOTIA.	William Burrell, <i>Yarmouth.</i> F. W. Redding, “ A. M. Gidney, “ T. O. Geddess, <i>Barrington.</i> J. McMurray, <i>Liverpool.</i> L. E. Vanbuskirk, <i>Halifax.</i>
VERMONT.	Thomas E. Powers, <i>Woodstock.</i> Arms D. Putnam, <i>Brattleboro’.</i> Ralph A. Severance, <i>Saxton’s River.</i> Thomas Chubbuck, <i>Springfield. Mass.</i>
CANADA WEST.	John Lewis Macdonald, <i>Ganonoque.</i> Edward Stacey, <i>Kingston.</i>

Bro. Crosby moved that P. W. P., E. Sewall Price be elected messenger of the National Division.
Agreed to.

The assistant M. W. S. was directed to procure a box at the Post Office for the use of the members.

M. W. Con. introduced twenty-eight Representatives, who were duly initiated into the N. D.

M. W. P. appointed Bros. Baker, of Mich., Powers and Cooke, a Committee on Enrolment.

The following communication was received and invitation accepted.

GRAND DIVISION, SONS OF TEMPERANCE, State of Massachusetts.

Boston, 5th June, 1850.

Most Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members of National Division, Sons of Temperance :

Worthy Brothers :—You are respectfully invited to participate in a public celebration and procession of the Order, which is to take place on Tuesday, the eleventh inst.

A place has been assigned for the National Division in the procession, and carriages will be in readiness at 10 o'clock, A. M.

In behalf of the Committee of Arrangements,

H. W. SWETT, G. S.

A motion to meet at 8 o'clock to morrow morning was agreed to.

A motion that the National Division proceed to the State House, in procession, under charge of the M. W. Con., was agreed to.

National division took a recess until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1850.

National Division met at 8 A. M. M. W. P. in the chair.

Prayer by M. W. Chap. pro tem.

P. W. P., E. Sewall Price appeared, and was obligated as messenger.

M. W. S., Fickardt made a statement relative to his non-arrival in time for yesterday's session ; and also, relative to his absence from the session at Cincinnati, in 1849.

Bro. Powers presented the annexed, which was referred to Committee on Credentials.

Resolved, That the Committee on Returns and Credentials be instructed to report to this body forthwith, whether any person or persons are occupying seats in this National Division by virtue of an election made at any other than the Constitutional time.

Representatives were introduced and initiated.

M. W. A. appointed the following Committees on the M. W. Patriarch's report.

Bros. Creagh, of Alabama.

Baker, of Michigan.

Heywood, of Kentucky.

M. W. P. appointed the following Committee on the M. W. Scribe's and M. W. Treasurer's Reports.

Bros. Litton, of Tennessee.

Day, of Wisconsin.

Weir, of North Carolina.

M. W. P. Cary presented his Annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee.

REPORT.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T.

MOST WORTHY BROTHERS :—Another year of vicissitudes, trials and efforts has passed, and a kind Providence has permitted us to come hither from our distant homes, to discharge the high trusts confided to us by our respective Grand Divisions. Unlike any civil or ecclesiastical body of this vast country, we come with no sectional feelings to gratify, no party interests to subserve. We know *no North, no South*—our efforts are confined to no geographical boundaries—our labours of love and mercy know no limits but those which prescribe the wretchedness of man. To bind the whole family of man with the triple cord of love, purity, and fidelity,—“to make men better, and consequently happier,” is our high and holy calling. As the supreme judicial and legislative tribunal of our heaven-sent institution, we have assembled to take sweet counsel together, and render, if possible, our brotherhood more efficient.

The past year has been one of peculiar trial and difficulty. The pestilence which at our last session had already begun to reveal its deadly power, has passed through our land, desolating our homes and clothing us in the habiliments of mourning. Man's weakness and God's omnipotence have been vindicated in the resistless march of the destroyer. In some portions of our jurisdiction the scythe-armed Angel of Destruction has carved the bloody letters of his commission upon the posts of almost every door. Our fellow-

men have fallen beneath his stroke like harvest flowers—many lilies of the valley repose forever beneath the valley's clod. The smiting hand which has swept away human life as though it were the sand of the shore, obeys no mandate but the Omnipotent; and it becomes us to bow submissively to the rod, and under the impulses of a gospel faith, work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We are admonished that what we do must be done speedily, and with direct reference to an eternal state of being; that all the best interests of man, for this life and that which is to come, are involved in the triumph or defeat of our great movement, cannot be controverted.

We have said that the last year has been one of peculiar trial to our beloved Order. For a considerable time the ordinary business of life was partially suspended, and the Division Rooms were deserted, and a general paralysis seemed to invade society. Some were induced to believe that safety and protection from the pestilence might be found in the accursed bowl. Yielding to the invitations of appetite, or the advice of physicians, they have returned to their former habits, and are hastening to their "*bitter end*,"—and by far a larger number of these will die of a more dreadful scourge than have died of cholera among those who remained true to their obligations.

While no immunity was given to any class of society, and while some of our noblest and purest have faded before the breath of the pestilence, yet our statistics will show that a far less proportion of Sons of Temperance died than any other class of society.

Our Order has been gradually extending itself the past year. A Grand Division has been organized in Canada West, since the last session of the National Division. This was effected by the exertions of P. M. W. P. White, whose indefatigable labors in the cause of all mankind are worthy of all praise. On the 17th of December last a Division was constituted in Liverpool, through the influence of brethren in the Province of New Brunswick. Since that time eight others have been instituted in England, and one in Scotland. A charter for a Grand Division in England has been recently granted. It is believed that our Order will rapidly extend itself in Europe, and that ere long a World's Division may be demanded. For the details connected with our progress, you are referred to the M. W. S.'s report.

More than a year since, I commissioned a Worthy Deputy and furnished him with the requisites to open Divisions in California, if the condition of society there should warrant it. He was directed not to attempt to plant the Order there unless there was a fair prospect of success. After a year's observation of the state of things there, he reports that the people are too much absorbed in money-making—too migratory and unsettled—too much given to luxury and dissipation—room-rent and furniture so expensive—that it would not be advisable to attempt to plant our institution in that country at present; and he accordingly surrendered his commission.

My own labours the past year have been less than the year previous. For some months after the session of the N. D. the state of my health was such that I could not endure the slightest exertion. From time to time, as health has permitted, I have devoted myself to the public discussion of our principles. For the last two months I have been constantly in the field. During all that time I have had no respite. The Order, in those portions of our jurisdiction which I have visited, is in sound and healthy condition. Besides visiting several of the States, I have recently taken a tour through the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and I must be permitted to say that there is no part of our jurisdiction where our principles have taken a stronger hold than in these Provinces. One of the evidences of this is, that in almost every city and village, neat, capacious, and comfortable temperance halls have been erected, adapted, not only for the use of Divisions, but for holding public temperance meetings. This important matter has been too much neglected in the States. The temperance hall is a rallying point for our forces, and its erection gives evidence of a determined spirit and a promise of stability and permanence.

As your representative I was every where received with great respect and distinguished honours. I cannot forbear expressing my regret that, for want of time, I was compelled to forego an anticipated pleasure of visiting Pr. E. Island. But I am assured that there the Order is labouring with a zeal and success not surpassed in other localities. Notwithstanding all our reverses and misfortunes, the desertion of friends, and the increased hostilities of enemies, our Order to day, at this seventh annual session of the N. D., is stronger, and its prospects for usefulness more flattering, than at any previous part of its history. The time-serving and ambitious, the faint-hearted and selfish, who had swelled our numbers, but diminished our strength and impaired our usefulness, are gone. "They went out from us because they were not of us." The spirit of revival is pervading our ranks, the faithful are strengthened in their purposes, better acquainted with the cause, have a higher appreciation of its merits and of their relations to it.

What was once a problem, is now an established fact, that the Order of the Sons of Temperance is one of the great, permanent, efficient institutions of the age, for the advancement of "TEMPERANCE, BENEVOLENCE, AND BROTHERLY LOVE." It was feared by many of its warmest friends that an adverse gale would demolish the whole superstructure, but it has withstood the violence of the tempest, and not a timber has been removed, for it is founded upon a principle as solid and immovable as the eternal throne.

We have not had, nor can we expect to have in future, a continued succession of triumphs, an uninterrupted advancement. These never attend the moral progress of our race. As well might we expect in the natural world a perpetual harvest. It is Heaven's decree that while the earth remaineth, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest, and day and night, shall not cease. The history of every movement that has for its object the elevation and renovation of man, is made up of revivals and declensions, days of light and rejoicing, nights of darkness and sorrow. The peculiar excellence of our Order over every temperance association preceeding it, is, that it has elements of stability—a peculiar adaptation to any emergency. In the harvest-time a store is provided for the succeeding winter. A night of tempestuous storm came upon the Washingtonian forces, and they were disbanded and scattered, like the proud army of Napoleon before the winds and snows of a Russian winter. Not so our Order. We may be weakened by desertion and spiritual death, but we still have a trained band, well-disciplined, with their armor bright and ready for service, when a new crusade is projected.

The order having extended itself beyond the limits anticipated for it by its projectors, it has been found necessary, from time to time, to modify it, so as to render it more efficient and useful. Doubtless your enlarged experience and your increasing knowledge of the reform, and its wants, will suggest other changes. We must keep up with the spirit of the age, and avail ourselves of any and every advantage which may enlarge our sphere of usefulness, and give stronger hold upon the affections and confidence of the good and virtuous.

The modifications made at the last session, in the beneficial feature of our Order, have resulted in great good. Many Divisions that were on the threshold of hopeless bankruptcy were relieved by a partial or entire abolition of weekly benefits. Others, in a more solvent condition, have so modified their rules as to enable them to do more for the general cause of temperance, while they have not permitted the needy among them to suffer; while those who had the ability and disposition to continue the old system, were permitted to do so. Nothing so seriously hinders the progress of a Division as frequent and ruinous drafts upon the treasury. The wisdom of the action of the National Division on this point is further manifested in the diminished and diminishing clamors about benefits. No further change on this subject is perhaps desirable at present, except it should be to declare the law in relation to funeral benefits—it being considered doubtful whether the action at the last session, in amending the 2d Section of Art. VI. of the Constitution, gave to Subor-

dinate Divisions the power over that subject,—or whether the old law still prevails. There being room for doubt, we should declare the law, that difficulty and controversy may be avoided in future.

The subject of tract distribution, recommended in my last annual message, and reported upon by the Committee on the state of the Order, has met with universal favor. The plan partially matured, and acted upon during the year, has been productive of great good. Two of the series have been published and widely circulated, producing an effect in favor of the cause, both in and out of the Order. The further prosecution of this subject, and the details which may be necessary to act energetically and systematically in carrying it forward, I trust will occupy your early and serious attention.

There are no instrumentalities we can employ which will reach the masses of society and produce a lasting impression like these. They cost but little, and their distribution furnishes every Son of Temperance with something to do. Thousands of our brethren who would live and be active, actually die spiritually for the want of employment. They join the Order, soon become familiar with its ceremonies and routine of business, and having no great plan of operations and effort before their minds, become listless, inattentive to the Division, and finally leave the Order or permit themselves to be suspended for non-payment of dues.

With all the light that has been shed for years past upon the guilt of the manufacture and traffic, and the evils, physical and moral, political and social, which are inseparable from the use of alcoholic liquors, the masses are still in profound darkness. Comparatively few have ever heard these subjects discussed, and a still less number have considered them. We may and ever should pour light into every palace and cabin in our land. The living voice and the press, aided by the united example, are the great heaven-appointed means for the moral renovation of the world. With the means in our power, by the blessing of God, by wise, united, persevering, benevolent action, we may secure glorious and everlasting success. We know we are right, and the heart and conscience of our countrymen attest the correctness of our positions. Thus armed and thus fortified, we are cowards and traitors if we do not triumph.

There is another subject to which I would invite your earnest attention, with a hope that your united wisdom may suggest some mode to remedy a great evil. The subject upon which our institution is based is one of dignity and importance; and to give it favor in the eyes of a refined and intelligent people, its accredited advocates should be able to discuss it properly, and be themselves its living epistles—their lives conforming to their teachings. It is not to be concealed that our cause has been degraded by unworthy advocates. Persons entirely unfitted, by their habits and moral character, impose themselves upon the Order and public as teachers and lecturers. They pass from point to point, under pretence of benefiting the cause, and render themselves so obnoxious, by their vulgarity and insolent demands for pecuniary assistance, that those who are eminently worthy can scarcely get an audience, or be treated with becoming civilities afterwards. In fact, to be known as “a temperance lecturer” in many places, is to be treated with contempt, and at least to be regarded as unworthy of confidence. We all have abundant evidence of the truth of that declaration of Holy Writ: “One sinner destroyeth much good.” I know of no one thing which has injured our cause more than this; and if there is a remedy to be found, I hope you will apply it. A number of the Grand Divisions have employed honorable and worthy men to canvass their respective fields,—and going forth with such letters of credit, the dignity of the cause has been maintained, and incalculable good effected. There are good and devoted men who are not so employed, who are equally worthy of countenance and support, and whose services the cause demands. Must all such be driven from the field by traveling, peddling, temperance mendicants who steal the livery of our cause to serve their unhallowed purposes?

Finally, so far as I am informed, in relation to the condition of our Order

nothing is wanting but a missionary spirit—a spirit that will be content to labor and suffer, practice self-denial, and not yield while there is a distillery, or a grog-shop, or a drunkard, to curse the earth. We must not listen to the clamors of pretended friends, nor fear the vengeance of enemies. The true moral reformer must not expect the applause of his own generation, and this is especially true of the Temperance reformer. The liquor fraternity, if not in the majority, are united, and have thus succeeded in invoking all the power of the law for their protection—and appeals to vicious appetite and corrupt desire are generally most potent over sin-ruined man. We must be united in our determination to expel the enemy from his legal fastnesses, tear off his political and judicial vestments, and show him forth in all his naked and vile deformity. The better disposition beginning to be manifested by many of our legislatures, induces us to hope the day is not far in the future when the liquor-seller will cease to be regarded as a *civil functionary* created for the public good. The agitation of this subject by the Order is slowly, but I think surely, producing an effect. These agitations must be increased, and the public mind aroused, and the public heart energized, by public lectures and the distribution of tracts, and by appeals from the pulpit and through the periodical press, until the whole mass shall be leavened with the truth.

SAMUEL F. CARY.

Bro. Coy moved that the M. W. P's report be forthwith printed for general circulation.

Agreed to.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Committee on enrolment presented the following list of members present, which was ordered to be printed.

Members of the Seventh Annual Session of the National Division of North America.

Boston, June, 1850.

NEW YORK.	John W. Oliver, Daniel H. Sands, Warren Rockwell, James Kennedy, John S. Graham, Wakeman H. Dikeman, William S. Dillingham, James H. Perry, William Edmonds, George Hall, S. R. Kirby.
PENNSYLVANIA.	Philip S. White, Ernest F. Bleck, George Crosby, Robert M. Foust, Thomas P. Hunt, Edward Paxon, Frederick A. Fickardt, James B. Wood.
NEW JERSEY.	Benjamin F. Yard, William N. Searles, John C. Sheets, Darius Wells, Jacob S. Yard.
MARYLAND.	James Young.
CONNECTICUT.	James S. Clark, Edward B. Cooke, Elisha M. Gorham, Friend W. Smith, Andrew L. Stone.
MASSACHUSETTS.	Daniel Baxter, Samuel Ellis, Charles W. Slack, William R. Stacy, William A. White, Stephen Baker.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	John D. Clark, John C. Harkness, A. F. Cunningham.
VIRGINIA.	Alexander P. Abell, William R. Drinkard, Edward Delany, James L. Jones, Lucian Minor.

MAINE.	Charles Freeman, Abiel Kennedy, Nathaniel Wilson, Joseph Nye, Jr.
OHIO.	Samuel F. Cary.
DELAWARE.	Joshua S. Valentine.
INDIANA.	Lewis J. Adams, Coker F. Clarkson, Fabius M. Finch, William Hannaman, Benjamin T. Kavanagh.
TENNESSEE.	Isaac Litton, Isaac Paul.
NORTH CAROLINA.	James H. Enniss, Samuel G. Smith, David W. Weir.
KENTUCKY.	Charles Eginton, Nathaniel D. Hunter, John H. Heywood, Charles B. Parsons.
GEORGIA.	Joseph Felt, William S. Williford.
ILLINOIS.	Nelson T. Elwood, John F. Grosh, Henry C. Park.
NEW-HAMPSHIRE.	Elisha Adams, John B. Fish, Edwin P. Hill, Thomas E. Sawyer.
MICHIGAN.	Albert M. Baker, Alonzo Cressey.
SOUTH CAROLINA.	Joseph Grisham.
MISSOURI.	William S. Stewart.
LOUISIANA.	James Patterson.
ALABAMA.	Memorable W. Creagh.
NEW BRUNSWICK.	Asy Coy, Alexander Campbell, James Johnson, Samuel L. Tilley.
VERMONT.	Thomas S. Powers, Arms D. Putnam, Ralph A. Severance, Thomas Chubbuck.
NOVA SCOTIA.	William Burrill.
CANADA WEST.	Edward Stacey.
WISCONSIN.	George E. H. Day, John B. Smith.
IOWA.	Alexander D. Anderson.

M. W. S. Fickardt presented his annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee

M. W. Scribe's

REPORT.

BOSTON, JUNE 11, 1850.

M. W. PATRIARCH, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

I congratulate you on your happy re-assemblage. It is a pleasant fortune thus to come together from various and distant portions of the Order to meet each other in Love, Purity, and Fidelity. The fervent eye, the ardent pressure of the hand, the smiling countenance, all bespeak the happiness of the occasion and the cordiality of the Order. May our present joy be the omen of fraternal harmony in all our measures and the truest feelings for the great principles we have espoused.

INCREASE.

The increase of the Order, from the occupied state of the country, has been less rapid than at previous intervals. The Order at present numbers, as per returns received by this office, Thirty-five Grand Divisions, Five Thousand

and Ninety Subordinate Divisions, and Two Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Members; a mass of moral and substantive power, rightly directed, sufficient to the most imposing results, and imperiously calling for some great and settled policy.

CONDITION

The Order, I am happy to say, is in general unity. In many parts it is animated with the finest spirit of progress.

In some of the older organized States, judging from the returns, and the correspondence of this office, the Order is undergoing the reaction of too rapid early growth. This is natural, and will, I trust, prove but a salutary separation of the inert from the active elements of the Order.

New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, have fallen back in membership, although their gain in Divisions is encouraging. New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, N. Hampshire, Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, New Brunswick, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nova Scotia, Vermont, Texas, Arkansas, Prince Edward's Island, Florida, and Canada West, present a cheering increase in Divisions and members. Massachusetts, D. Columbia, Maine, Delaware, Kentucky, and Rhode Island, have lost membership, with little or no gain of Divisions. In almost all, however, the sums total of suspension and expulsion are enormous. This office has, however, reason to believe from official data, that the Order is in a good temperance spirit throughout the entire jurisdiction.

The number of suspensions and expulsions for non-payment of dues, for this and the preceding term, calls for the jealous inspection of the National Division, as doubtful in policy and dangerous on temperance principles. The Order undoubtedly sustained a shock, in common with the whole cause during the prevalence of the Cholera. The self-delusion and error of our people on the subject of alcoholic *preventives* at one time threatened the most serious consequences. With the subsidence of the epidemic came the sober second thought, and the public sentiment gave evidence of no little alarm at its lapse. Temperance men instead of being disheartened, as on similar occasions, renewed the battle with a strong hand; and the Order, I am pleased to state, has manifested the most noble determination not only to win back its losses, but to carry the war firmly and zealously into the strongholds of intemperance. Many Grand Divisions have placed men of talents in the field at large expense; and able tracts, both of the National Division and other sources, have been largely distributed.

It affords this office the highest satisfaction to announce to the National Division the successful extension of our Order to the promotion of a Grand Division beyond the Atlantic. Queen's Division, No. 1, S. of T. of England, chartered November 18th, 1849, organized by special Deputy, M. W. P., J. E. Bill, was appointed under powers delegated to this office, Deputy M. W. P. for the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. May 24, eight Subordinate Divisions in operation, an application for charter for a Grand Division of England was received by this office, and same day charter was forwarded along with documents necessary to its effective organization. As not uninteresting perhaps, and as defining the terms of the present relations of our transatlantic brethren to the Order here, I present the letter of advice and commission issued to Queen's Division, No. 1, (see paper M.) This office having had discretionary powers conferred, at the Fifth Annual Session, in the matter of primary arrangements with England, and acting on the *carte blanche* granted to its movements by the M. W. P., has deemed it most prudent to make no peculiar or special engagements, farther than reference to ultimate independence of organization on terms and conditions to be hereafter mutually agreed on, by the National Division of North America and the Order in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

MONEY RECEIVED

Since the settlement of the accounts of this office, May 15, 1849, the following amounts of money have been received at dates, and from sources stated. (See paper A.)

MONEY PAID TO M. W. T.

The following amounts of money have been paid over to the office of the Most Worthy Treasurer as will appear by the receipts of that officer in hand. (See paper B.)

MINOR EXPENSES.

The following is the amount of "Petty Expenses" had by this office since the date of its last settlement, as examined and allowed by the Committee of Finance of this body.—See paper C.

POST OFFICE ACCOUNT.

The following is the account of Postages for this office since date above alluded to, as per receipts in hand, examined and allowed by Committee as above stated.—See paper D.

M. W. S. IN AC. WITH NATIONAL DIVISION.

The following is the condition of account between the National Division and this office.—See paper E.

PUBLICATIONS AND COST.

The following publications have been issued since May 15, 1849, and at cost stated.—See paper F.

STEREOTYPES AND PLATE.

The following Stereotypes and Plate have been procured by this office during recess and at cost stated.—See paper G.

ORDERS ON M. W. TREASURER.

The following Orders have been drawn on the M. W. Treasurer for sums and purposes stated.—See Paper H.

GROSS AMT. DUE TO, AND INDEBTEDNESS OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION.

The following is gross amount due to the National Division probably available, and also the amount of indebtedness of this body.—See paper I.

STOCK AND PROPERTY ON HAND.

The following is stock and property on hand belonging to the National Division, and with the exception of Regalia, &c., under care of this office.—See paper J.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR TERM ENSUING.

The following is the estimate of expenses made by this office for the ensuing term.—See paper K.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The following communications have been received by this office for the consideration of the National Division.—See paper L.

This office has had the insurance of Stereotypes belonging to the National Division, mentioned in Report of the previous term, extended for another year, and for amount, and in office, as at the previous term.

DEPUTIES M. W. P. IN COMMISSION.

Deputies M. W. Patriarch are at present in commission and at points as follows:

S. G. Archibald, St. Johns, New Foundland,
J. C. Becket, Montreal, Canada East,
John J. Dewey, St. Paul's, Minnesota,
And Queen's Division, No. 1, Liverpool, for the Kingdom of Great Britain,
and Ireland.

Dep. M. W. P. John A. Collins, appointed by M. W. P. Cary, to and for California and the South American States, has sent in his resignation, assigning as cause, his inability under the present condition of California to effect any substantive organization.

This office has written to Bro. Collins notifying him of the acceptance of his resignation by the M. W. P. and requesting him to hold safely the B. B.'s and Documents in his hands until further advices from this office.

To Queen's Division, No. 1, S. of T., of England, whose zeal in the cause is to be highly commended, the thanks of this body are due for the spirit with which the Order has been developed in England.

The Division not having finally reported to this office, leaves it without official information as to numerical membership in that country. From facts however, previously communicated, this office infers the brothers in England to be about eight Divisions and four hundred members strong.

The present session of the National Division is undoubtedly one of the gravest importance. For the first time in the history of the Order we are almost stationary. We cannot stay—we must advance, or *recede*. The Order and the country alike, call, through the statistics of the term, for your true and decisive action. The Order, so this office reads the returns, for new and more brilliant ceremonies, and for a definite prerogative on the part of this body; the people, for a more enlarged policy of organization inclusive of themselves, effectually and universally. With regard to the presentment to the Order of forms and ceremonies of a literal and moral character, comparative to other Orders, commensurate with the superiority of the principles of the Order of Sons of Temperance, much observation compels me to declare the demand to be imminent. Nor is it less valuable to the Order, that the system of our national legislation should henceforth bear the stamp of a *fixed*, as well as a liberal policy. Too frequent change of organic law is dangerous to stability; deviation from settled principles of jurisdiction begets distrust; and too great exercise of unlimited power originates irritation, if it does not engender positive rebellion.

In relation to extension of organization, I respectfully refer to "Benevolent Divisions," as stated in my report of the late term; to "Honorary Members;" and to a wise and attractive plan of popular consociations—embracing the tract system—either consociate to Subordinate Divisions, or emanating from Grand Divisions, and holding certain relations of report, privilege and unity with the Order, as the safe and powerful means.

The system of "benefits" also demands a sound and finally regulated condition. The "benefits" of the Order are in the nature of contract between the Order and its quarter of a million of members, and involve the grave question of right to change or suspend them without the consent of the parties. Equity, and all the legal principles of contract therefore, and the interests of the Order, require that this body should arrange ultimately that delicate and important department of the Order, and surrender whatever further power it may have in the premises.

At present the beneficial system is in a state of the most lamentable dilapidation as contrasted with its original institution; and is clearly calculated, from its legalized uncertainty and insecurity, to bring damage to the character and principles of the Order and its members. Its conditions now are—1. That Divisions may pay a weekly benefit of but one dollar. 2. That they need not pay benefits for the first week's sickness or disability, nor does any enactment say when they shall. 3. That they need not pay benefits to any individual for more than six months in one year, and on the same principle, and there being no law as a barrier, perhaps for not more than one week. 4. That by a two-thirds vote they may suspend payment of benefits altogether! Admitting, as this office heartily does, that the beneficial part of the Order is necessary to its general utility and progress and has done much good, yet it is clear, that under these regulations, inadvertently perhaps adopted, it presents no attractions of interest on the one hand, nor any assurance for the safety of the interest it creates on the other. To the wisdom of the National Division the facts must be sufficient to challenge its earnest attention.

An elaboration of the general pecuniary status of the Order from its present pro-

crustean condition, would, in the opinion of this office, be hailed with pleasure by many portions of our Order, and people, and is entirely necessary to some communities. The various pursuits and sentiments of our population make this evident. I subjoin however, in support of this view, some incidental remarks of Br. A. Campbell, P. G. W. P. of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, contained in a letter of business to this office. "Nothing," says P. G. W. Campbell, "prevents our organization from extending its blessings through every community in the Province sufficiently numerous to sustain a Division, but the want of the necessary funds to support the pecuniary branch of our Institution. The business of the country generally, is depressed, and has been for some time. Many are prevented from joining our ranks by pecuniary considerations, and others, and good men too, are driven from us by the same cause; a very large majority of our expulsions being for non-payment of dues."

The arguments of the communication of the Grand Division of Massachusetts are also entitled to close attention. The dogma, early assumed in the Order, that "we are a mutual aid association," is secondary. The great primary dogma of the Order is that we are a Temperance Organization, having Temperance and the temperance reform of men and society for our first great object.

Yet the earnest advice of this office to the National Division in session is to make no important changes or additions to our present laws or usages, *hastily*. Minor matters will demand, and may, with advantage, receive immediate determination. But this office respectfully proposes that the state of the Order seriously requires that the future shall be well devised, and consequently, that all novel or radical alterations in our laws, forms, or policy affecting Grand or Subordinate Divisions, shall be subjected to your best deliberation. On this view, the office respectfully submits that all important changes proposed at this session, should be referred to a judicious and experienced committee on the state of the Order, to report at the next annual session of this body; said committee to invite opinions from the Grand Divisions on any subjects seeming to those bodies desirable subjects of amendment or addition to the constitutions, rules, and usages of the Order; and to have such other correspondence as they may deem advisable for the complete revision, amendment of, and final organization of the same.

To the same end also, this office suggests the appointment of a second committee whose province it shall be to arrange, or have arranged, at ——— cost, and report to the next annual session of this body, a new ceremony covering all the work of Subordinate Divisions, inclusive of Funeral Ceremonies and Dedication of Halls, unless the reports of the present Committees on "Funeral Ceremonies and Dedication of Halls" shall be adopted; and that said committee be instructed to the employment for that purpose of the best talent of the country under a liberal appropriation.

The kind indulgence of the National Division on previous occasions, induces me to present to its favorable consideration other suggestions which this office believes of importance, and on some of which it respectfully asks the action of this Session:

1. The returns of the Grand Divisions, as stated, show a painful number of suspensions and expulsions for causes other than offence against the Pledge of the Order, of which, from various information received, it is believed nearly the whole are for "non-payment of dues." Expulsions for violations of Pledge are necessary to the right character and efficiency of the Order; but I trust the time and policy are not distant when expulsions or suspensions for non-payment of the pecuniary dues, will be looked upon by the Order as moral inconsistency in our great Temperance enterprise. To expel, or suspend, acts practically equivalent, otherwise good men for dollars and cents, is error of the first class, if the Order designs to be a Temperance movement.

This office therefore suggests that expulsion and suspension for "non-payment of dues" should cease on the first day of October, 1850, being the Constitutional period of Annual Sessions of Grand Divisions; and that from date stated, members in arrears for weekly dues to the amount of ———, should, on proper notice and investigation, be withdrawn from weekly benefits, from office, posts of honor, repre-

representative capacity, and all votes on money questions, but to have left to them the pass-words and other Temperance privileges of the Order. From the best calculation this office is able to make, no less than 20,000 men have been cut off from the Order during the past term for non-payment of dues, and the continuance of the system in operation for but a few years longer, will, at the same rate, show us the mortifying and reproachful spectacle of 100,000 men and Brothers driven from our Temperance ranks for the pecuniary cause stated.

2. This office further suggests, to leave the question of "reinstatement" after violation of pledge entirely open to the good sense and action of Divisions. The Subordinate Divisions are better able to decide justly and humanely, in this, to individuals often vitally important matter, than can be provided for by any general constitutional clause. The consequences of the present law are, that frequently either men are reluctantly surrendered to intemperance by Divisions, to the great grief of families, and sometimes of the offending members, or that the Constitution is violently forced or evaded, in the benevolent endeavor to save them.

This office recommends warmly to the National Division the future eligibility of Acting Grand Scribes to its body as important to the practical and best legislation of the same. No officers in the Order have as a class, an equal amount of clear and particular knowledge of the working, wants and practical usages of the Order. Eligibility to this body would secure to Grand Divisions men of the first ability as Grand Scribes, and would bring into effect a responsibility on the part of those important officers to this body, and a check on the M. W. Scribe, which this office conceives to be in both cases, highly desirable. Their eligibility would be beneficial during our sessions, and secure a more stringent unity of operation of the Order during the recess of the National Division. In this proposition there is no wish to effect any other class representation to this body; neither, is it conceived, does any objection lie on the score of numbers, the number of acting Grand Scribes being limited.

4. This office suggests that the Returns of Grand Divisions should be made to close with the regular year of the country, as being most convenient in the consideration of statistics. The present date, March 31, is in practice too near to the Sessions of the National Division and precludes the receipt of Returns in time for the useful reference of this body.

5. This office advises that certain headings of Returns, viz. "Total Expenses," "Dispensation Fees," and "Number of Manufactories of Ardent Spirits," be hereafter omitted. The first and third have, after sufficient trial, proved failures. The second, as of small value to the National Division and yet a tax on Grand Divisions, this office recommends to abolish by surrender of claim of per centage on item stated. Should the National Division remove these incumbrances from the valuable space of the Returns, this office would respectfully ask, as in keeping with the Temperance object of the Order, to substitute for the 1st. "How many Temperance Meetings held, exclusive of Mass Meetings," 2d. "How many Mass Meetings," 3d. "How many Temperance Tracts, of all kinds, distributed." It is due to the Temperance character of the Order, that these statistics should appear, and that their subjects should be thus established as the avowed policy of the Order.

6. This office requests the attention of the National Division to a change in the financial arrangements of the Constitution of the National Division, and asks that Sect. 5, of Part IV. be so amended that orders on the M. W. Treasurer shall be attested, from and after this session, by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance, instead of the M. W. Patriarch. The reasons for this are evident. Under the theoretical condition of the Order the M. W. P. and M. W. S. are supposed to be of one locality; but the practice of the Order in the election of those officers has settled into an opposite result. At present, the Treasury is entirely open to the M. W. S. The course pursued has been, of necessity, a delicate and wrong one. The M. W. P. leaves his signature to blank orders in the hands of the M. W. S. for use. In this, the constitutional intents of warrant and security in the signature of the M. W. P. are utterly defeated; and a delicate, and in so far, unpleasant relation is induced between those officers. If the blanks allu-

ded to are at any time exhausted, the distance and uncertain "locale" of the M. W. P. prevent his signature, and irregular orders, sustained only by the faith of the M. W. T. in the correctness of the M. W. S. are compelled to be drawn. The Chairman of the Committee of Finance, on the other hand, whose duty it is to examine all bills for which orders are drawn, is, as a matter of course, resident near the M. W. Scribe, and by his attestation, would ensure the unvarying correctness of orders on the M. W. T.

To Past Most Worthy Patriarch White, and to Most Worthy Patriarch Cary, this office has to return sincere acknowledgments for their continued courtesy in these delicate particulars, and to them it frankly refers for corroboration of facts presented.

7. This office proposes to the National Division to close numerous small accounts on its books, under the superintendence of the Committee of Finance, remaining unsettled by Subordinate Divisions formerly under its jurisdiction, by remission of all sums under ——— dollars. The amount thus surrendered would be not unduly large, whilst the difficulty of collection and the fact of small demands preferred by the National Division against the early Subordinates, would more than counterbalance any collections which might result. At present the accounts only encumber the books of the National Division and prevent a clear statement of available assets.

8. To close all accounts of Deputies M. W. P. on statements approved by the Committee of Finance. At present, the settlement of those accounts rests, under direction of this body in force, conjointly with the M. W. P. and M. W. S., but geographical disconnection of those Officers has prevented the proper action.

9. That the National Fund be closed and a system established as recommended in the late report of M. W. S.

The M. W. Scribe also proposes to the National Division, to settle the following principles:—

1. The right of Grand Divisions to review "the facts of cases," as well as "records," on appeal from action of Subordinate Divisions. It is important in the opinion of this office, that Grand Divisions should be confirmed in their customary rights. Without this right in Grand Divisions, Subordinate Divisions may without check, invade the rights of individuals under cover of "charge" and forms technically correct; or violate the constitution and their by-laws by votes at variance with the "facts" as proved. To permit the opposite proposition would in many cases, be a virtual destruction of the right of appeal, one of the most important supports of justice in possession of the Order. The idea that Subordinate Divisions are "juries" on the trials of offence against the laws of the Order, and consequently sole judges of the "merits of the case," is erroneous, Subordinate Divisions are, in the matter of trial, the developed agents of the superior bodies from whence they receive laws and jurisdiction, and are necessarily subject to revision; and their members holding rights enacted by the laws of the National and Grand Divisions, have an indefeasible right to call on those bodies for the fullest protection in their relations to the Order.

2. The right to "honors" on the part of members joining Divisions, "within three months" after resignation. The wording of the rule (see Rule viii. sect. 2, p. 23, Revised Rules, stereotyped edition) is not sufficiently clear. That such members are entitled to "honors" is, in the opinion of this office equally the intent of the rule as it is the true policy of the Order. Members resigning commit no offence against the laws of the Order, and remain, in the generous view of the law, in the same category, for the time specified, with members who withdraw by the usual card and are protected in honors for a longer period.

3. The right and relation of members to "benefits" after "reinstatement" following violation of Art. 11. An unsettled feeling prevails in the Order in regard to the point stated. Even Grand Divisions differ in their views on this subject; some holding that the beneficial relation is *restored* by the "reinstatement," and others, that having failed through violation of pledge it must be re-attained as originally. It is best for the quiet of Divisions to have these debatable grounds rendered undebatable.

In conclusion, this office desires to declare that the Order of Sons of Temperance

has drawn off the eyes of the people, in great measure, from all other systems of Temperance; and that it has become the unavoidable duty of the Order to increase its Temperance efficiency. To the fulfilment of this sacred duty, this office would propose the due encouragement and support of organized effort as the most efficient and abiding means of good to the primary cause. To the Youth of the country the Order should turn with affectionate hope, sure of drawing from that important field a vast harvest of recruits to Temperance and to its own ranks. The Order must also rise to its responsibility, as gifted with the power, and bear along with it in wise and harmonious support, every right Temperance endeavor. Public Meetings, Mass Meetings, Temperance Societies, the Pledge, Lectures, Tracts and the Temperance Press, are equally with the Order, the vital machinery of Temperance, and as such, call firmly on us for our unstinted aid. It will not do for the Order of Sons of Temperance to pride itself upon the dignity of its own peculiar brightness, and pass like the moon upon a cerulean of solitary glory. It must grandly move in the moral heavens with the whole pure galaxy of Temperance around it, and become the culminating orb of a magnificent constellation. In this alone will it fulfil its high duties, or find its proper and worthy destiny. Let it then show forth its great mission with an illuminating zeal. In the divinity of its objects it may read the divinity of its origin and existence; and in that, the bright charter of a high and assured success. Temperance is the golden chain let down from Heaven, which links Earth to sobriety and safety. So let the Order proclaim it. Let it blow its bugle cheerily and sweetly over the pleasant hills and valleys of our glorious land and the good and the true will rally to a cordial and hearty support of the cause. Let it also continue to go forth amid the poor victims of Intemperance, and like the good Samaritan, pour oil into their wounds, and with all its encouraging, manful suggestions, recal them to hope, and lead them back to home and happiness again. If it do these in a true spirit, and with a right will, then the mighty revolutions in public sentiment which it is achieving, will, ere long, burst on the startled eyes of the *moderate drinker, the drunkard, and the dealer in intoxicating liquors*, as the veritable "weighed in the balance and found wanting" of Belshazzar's memorable feast; and the revels of Intemperance will again sink away before the light of the hand-writing of Omnipotence. In the wants of the Temperance times, in the history of the cause, in our own honorable experience we behold our duty. To know our duty and to do it, will I trust, be one thing with the Order. That Order and these destinies are, by the providence of God, committed in trust to the solemn keeping and safe direction of this National Division.

May God, of his infinite goodness, give to us wisdom and energy equal to their vast need, and to our own weighty but inspiring responsibility:

In Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

FREDERICK A. FICKARDT, M. W. S.

(A.)

1849. Cash received by M. W. S. since May 15th, 1849.

May 16,	Grand Division	Maryland,	\$96 34
"	"	N. Hampshire,	40 57
"	"	Illinois,	151 07
"	"	Kentucky,	165 60
"	"	Iowa,	30 44
"	"	Louisiana,	54 34
"	"	N. York,	280 95
"	"	Maine,	215 00
"	"	N. Carolina,	17 00
"	"	Missouri,	77 00

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May 16		Grand Division	Mississippi,	150 00
"	"	"	Virginia,	197 50
"	"	"	Vermont,	120 00
17	"	"	Indiana,	389 00
"	"	"	Massachusetts,	173 34
"	"	"	New Jersey,	81 52
"	"	"	N. Brunswick,	47 08
23	By Cash of F. Courtney,			34 00
"	"	Grand Division	Florida,	2 00
26	"	"	Tennessee,	495 00
"	"	"	Prince Edward's Island, (£2 note)	9 00
June 1	"	"	Texas,	15 00
6	"	"	N. Carolina,	108 00
8	"	"	Massachusetts,	100 00
"	"	"	Iowa,	5 00
11	"	"	Georgia,	208 50
14	"	"	Connecticut,	66 80
18	"	"	S. Carolina,	20 00
22	"	"	Ohio,	493 83
25	"	"	Wisconsin,	12 00
30	"	"	Michigan,	20 00
"	"	"	Nova Scotia,	19 22
July 13	"	"	Michigan,	33 00
Sep. 19	"	"	Connecticut,	34 55
Oct. 6	"	"	Alabama,	150 00
29	"	"	Indiana,	122 92
Nov. 8	"	"	Ohio,	200 00
12	"	"	N. Carolina,	100 00
21	"	"	Georgia,	210 00
26	"	"	N. York,	290 95
Dec. 6	"	"	Pennsylvania,	248 25
7	"	"	S. Carolina,	100 00
8	"	"	Florida,	73 34
1850.				
Jan. 4	"	"	Vermont,	46 15
8	"	"	Alabama,	168 54
12	"	"	S. Carolina,	132 61
14	"	"	Connecticut,	47 63
16	"	"	Virginia,	280 25
29	"	"	Canada West,	87 76
Feb. 4	"	"	Massachusetts,	234 89
16	"	"	Missouri,	75 00
18	"	"	N. Brunswick,	97 47
18	Queen's Division, No. 1,		England,	7 00
22	Grand Division		Wisconsin,	73 00
"	"	"	Michigan,	22 00
Mar. 12	"	"	Pennsylvania,	260 00
Apr. 16	"	"	Connecticut,	8 00
"	"	"	Delaware,	35 13
May 8	"	"	S. Carolina,	57 30
8	"	"	N. York,	563 25
14	"	"	N. Carolina,	65 00
"	"	"	Massachusetts,	141 63

Total, \$7,860 72

(B.) -

Amount paid by M. W. S. to M. W. T. for term.

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(C.)

Minor Expenses of M. W. S. for term ending 1850.

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Total Minor Expenses, examined and allowed by Committee, - \$83 96

(D.)

Post Office Account of M. W. S. for Term ending 1850.

1849.										
June	3	Receipt No.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$7 00
July	2	"	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 95
August	4	"	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Sept.	3	"	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 32
Oct.	1	"	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	12 47
Nov.	2	"	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 68
Carried over,									-	\$41 42

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				Brought over,				\$41 62
Dec.	1	"	"	7				5 27
1850.								
Jany.	1	"	"	8				4 37
Feby.	1	"	"	9				5 13
March	1	"	"	10				5 70
April	1	"	"	11				8 43
May	1	"	"	12				8 70
June	1	"	"	13				\$79 22

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M. W. S. in Account with the National Division.

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May 15,	To Cash received, Dr.						\$7860 72
"	"	By Cash paid M. W. T. as per receipts of M. W. T. Ca.					\$7595 59
"	"	" Cash, Minor Expenses,					83 96
"	"	" Cash, Post Office account,					79 22
"	"	" Cash, Balance due, 1849,					155 32
							\$7914 09
							7860 72
							53 37
		Balance due M. W. S.					

(F.)

Publications and Cost for Term ended.

B. Books,	3000	copies,					\$425 00
Off. and Ode Cds.	9000	"					189 00
Music,	8000	"					228 70
Trav. Cds.	52,450	"					839 20
Constitutions,	12,450	"					120 50
R. Rules,	4,500	"					42 00
Journ. 6th Sess.	7,500	"					357 00
" 5th "	2,000	"					100 00
Bound vols. Jour.	500	"					100 00
Minor printing, &c.							25 00
							\$2426 40

(G.)

Stereotypes of Sixth Annual Session,						\$102 28
New Plate for Traveling Card,						50 00
						\$152 28

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(H.)

Orders drawn on M. W. Treasurer, for Term.

1849			
May	15, No. 1,	in favor of M. W. P., S. F. Cary, being for Daguerreo-type of M. W. P. ordered	\$12 00
"	" 2,	in favor of M. W. P., S. F. Cary, being for expenses of intended Jubilee.	300 00
"	18, " 3,	in favor of M. W. P., S. F. Cary, being for contingent expenses,	300 00
"	" 4,	in favor of P. M. W. P., P. S. White, being appropriation ordered,	200 00
"	" 5,	in favor of B. F. Yard, being for Printing,	285 12
"	" 6,	in favor of James Pollock, messenger,	15 00
"	" 7,	in favor of H. V. Horton, Assistant M. W. S.	25 00
"	" 8,	in favor of F. H. Underwood, Assistant M. W. S.	25 00
"	" 9,	in favor of George Crosby, M. W. S. pro tem,	50 00
"	" 10,	in favor of H. V. Horton, being for Emblems and Regalia for National Division,	175 00
"	" 11,	in favor of B. Bryan, Dep. M. W. Mar. for expenses,	50 00
"	29, " 12,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Traveling Cards,	198 50
"	" 13,	in favor of Jos. Severns & Co. being in full for printing, &c.	122 51
June	6, " 14,	in favor of C. A. Walborn, being in full for Regalia,	60 00
"	19, " 15,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Traveling Cards,	126 40
"	20, " 16,	in favor of Craig & Young, in full for printing, &c.,	10 00
July	7, " 17,	in favor of Craig & Young,	86 50
Aug.	11, " 18,	in favor of S. D. Wyeth, in full for stereotype 6th sess.	102 28
"	" 19,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Traveling Cards,	160 00
Sept.	8, " 20,	in favor of Craig and Young, being in full for printing 6th session, &c. (6000 copies)	297 00
"	" 11, " 21,	in favor of F. A. Fickardt, M. W. S. salary, &c.	250 00
"	18, " 22,	in favor of Craig & Young, being in full for printing 2000 copies 5th and 6th sessions National Division,	94 00
"	20, " 23,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for new plate for Traveling Card,	50 00
"	" 24,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Trav. Cards,	160 00
"	22, " 25,	in favor of Oliver & Brother, in full for 1000 B. Books,	175 00
Nov.	5, " 26,	in favor of J. Dainty, being for Traveling Cards,	72 80
"	20, " 27,	in favor of Craig & Young, being for printing Constitution, &c.	16 00
Dec.	7, " 28,	in favor of Craig & Young, being for printing Journals and R. Rules,	40 00
"	" 12, " 29,	in favor of F. A. Fickardt, M. W. S. salary, &c.	250 00
"	" 30,	in favor of J. Hamilton, being for binding 500 vols.	100 00
"	29, " 31,	in favor of S. D. Wyeth, for altering Journal headings and stereotypes,	40 26
1850.			
Feb.	2, " 32,	in favor of B. F. Yard, being in full for printing,	136 45
"	27, " 33,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Trav. Cards,	160 00
March	8, " 34,	in favor of Oliver & Brother, being for B. Bs. and off. and ode cards,	364 00
"	" 11, " 35,	in favor of Grand Division of Pennsylvania, being on account of loan,	300 00
"	" 12, " 36,	in favor of F. A. Fickardt, M. W. S. on account of salary, &c.	200 00
April	2, " 37,	in favor of Craig & Young, being in full for printing Constitutions, &c.	17 06

Carried over . . . \$5025 56

	Brought over,	\$5025 82
April 17, No. 38,	in favor of Craig & Young, in full for printing, &c.	18 00
May 9, " 39,	in favor of J. Dainty, being in full for Trav. Cards,	160 00
" 15, " 40,	in favor of Oliver & Brother, being in full for 1000 B. Books,	175 00
" " " 41,	in favor of J. Finn; Dep. M. W. P. bal. expenses,	50 00
" " " 42	in favor of F. A. Fickardt, M. W. S. bal. salary, &c.	450 00
		<u>\$5878 82</u>

(I.)

Gross available amount due to, and indebtedness of the N. Division.

Amount due,	\$7,500 00
Indebtedness to Grand Division of Pennsylvania,	500 00
Balance,	<u>\$7,000 00</u>

(J.)

Inventory Stock on hand, May 15, 1850.

Red Books,	150 Copies
B. Books,	1100 "
" German,	200 "
Officers' and Ode Cards,	2500 "
Music,	1400 "
Constitutions,	500 "
R. Rules,	700 "
Traveling Cards,	3000 "
Journals 1 sess. N. D.	200 "
" 2 " " "	200 "
" 3 " " "	150 "
" 4 " " "	200 "
" 5 " " "	300 "
" 6 " " "	500 "
" Grand Division, New York, &c.	200 "
Supplements,	1000 "
Stereotypes of Journals and Music	
One Seal,	
" Book case,	
" Trunk,	
Three sets of Regalia,	
Two sets of Emblems, &c. &c.	

(K.)

Estimate of Expenses for term ensuing.

Blue Books, 2,000 copies,	{ \$500 00
Officers' and Ode Cards,	
Stereotype of Journal, 7th Session,	
Printing 10,000 Journals,	175 00
	800 00
Carried over,	<u>\$1475 00</u>

	Brought over,	\$1475 00
Printing other Journals,		250 00
Music, 5000 copies,		150 00
Traveling Cards, 50,000 copies,		800 00
Salary of M. W. S.,		1000 00
Office Rent,		150 00
Petty Expenses,		80 00
Post Office Account,		80 00
Contingent Expenses,		100 00
		<hr/> \$4085 00

(L.)

Communications and Appeals Received, 1850.

1. Communication Grand Division of Connecticut on membership of Rep. J. H. Perry.
2. Communication Grand Division New York on same.
3. Communication Grand Division of New York requesting change of locality of Grand Division.
4. Communication Grand Division of Massachusetts in favor of Honorary Members.
5. Communication Grand Division of Massachusetts on admission of persons not Sons of Temperance.
6. Communication Grand Division of Massachusetts on Dedication of Halls.
7. Communication Grand Division of Tennessee recommending a Funeral Service.
8. Communication Grand Division of Tennessee announcing resignation of Rep. J. C. Whyte.
9. Communication Grand Division of Arkansas—proceedings relative to colored membership.
10. Communications Grand Division of Ohio—proceedings of Annual Session adverse to admission to membership of colored persons and requesting establishment of a uniform rule.
11. Appeal to J. McKinney from action of Grand Division of Ohio as above stated. (Same paper.)
12. Appeal of Harmony Division, No. 13, from decision of Grand Division of Massachusetts in case of A. E. Ames.
13. Appeal of A. Campbell from action of Grand Division of New Brunswick, endorsing rights of Divisions to hold their meetings at greater intervals than one week.
14. Appeals Nos. 1, 2 & 3, of A. P. Miller, from action of Grand Division of New Brunswick.
15. Appeal of E. A. Wright from action of Grand Division of Tennessee.
16. Semi-appeal from decisions of G. W. P. of Wisconsin.
17. Communication from the National Union of Daughters of Temperance of North America, conveying the thanks of the National Union to the members of the National Division for their support, and requesting their continued co-operation.

(M.)

*Letter of advice and Commission to Queen's Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance of England.**To the Officers and Members of Queen's Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance of England :—*

WORTHY BROTHERS :—In connection with the grant of Charter to you as a Division of the Order of Sons of Temperance of North America, it becomes proper, owing to your distant and foreign location, briefly to revert to your relations to the Order. This office will therefore remark that until further and special legislation on the subject by the National Division of North America, you will occupy the same position, and have accorded to you the same rights and privileges as Divisions of the Order in North America. That this will for the present prove the most prudent and beneficial arrangement there can be no doubt. That the future may make it desirable that you shall receive and assume a more independent and primary character, is, in the opinion of this office, equally clear. The precise conditions of such a state will, when necessary, doubtless be agreeably defined by the wisdom of the National Division and the wishes of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland.

To the rules, terms, customs, conditions and enactments of the Order as presented in the B. B.'s &c., Constitutions, Revised Rules and proceedings of the National Division of N. America, copies of all which have been duly forwarded, you are expected closely and fraternally to conform.

To promote your convenience and enlarge your efficiency as a branch of the Order, Queen's Division, No. 1, S. of T. of England, is hereby appointed to the honorable and responsible post of Deputy Most Worthy Patriarch, to and for the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, with power to grant Charters, institute Divisions, and perform such other acts as properly appear to belong to a Dep. M. W. Patriarch from a pertinent construction of Sect. 1, Part IV of Constitution of National Division of N. America.

The Division will report a summary of its acts and proceedings as Deputy M. W. P. to this office at the close of each quarter, in addition to its ordinary quarterly report as a Division.

The Division is most earnestly and affectionately enjoined strictly to avoid all entanglements with public questions other than Temperance. It is the policy of the Order to look forward and to labor with an eye single to its own great object, the disenthralment of mankind from the vice of Intemperance. Politics in especial and sectarian views, are allowed no expression in the Order. In all your intercourse with individuals or Divisions under your jurisdiction, by virtue of the Commission herein contained, it is also most cordially recommended to you to observe the utmost gentleness and courtesy, ever bearing in mind that we are a Brotherhood, and that the motto of the Order is first Love, then Purity and Fidelity.

In conclusion Worthy Brothers, permit me to invoke the blessing of Almighty God upon your efforts, and to assure you of the hearty wishes of thousands here for the full success of the Order on your side of the Atlantic.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

FREDERICK A. FICKARDT, M. W. SCRIBE.

STATISTICAL REPORT

RETURNS OF THE GRAND DIVISIONS OF

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE

GRAND DIVISIONS.	Number of Divisions.	Number admitted.	Number suspended.	Number expelled.	Deaths.	Violated Pledge.	Reinstated	Violated pledge 2d time.	Contributing members.	Cash received.
1 N. Y.	655	11,629	3,022	2,349	215	2,126	625		24,947	100,988 96
2 N. J.	113	1,250	341	757	45	419	129	64	6,262	21,537 24
3 Md.	130	2,914	550	609	52	531	189	73	6,460	22,171 21
4 Pa.	443	6,053	1,661	3,605	197	2,490	592	420	23,607	77,287 86
5 Conn.	85	1,464	272	321	30	229	69	24	4,259	15,236 20
6 Mass.	125	2,486	774	883	62	362	206	93	7,131	38,233 69
7 D. C.	12	153	30	46	1	52	19	15	438	1,756 88
8 Va.	353	8,642	401	1,540	101	1,570	434	222	15,375	48,343 80
9 Me.	150	1,539	505	971	58	308	95	26	6,356	18,366 52
10 Ohio.	625	6,892	1,700	3,623	267	1,964	676	319	21,352	51,579 45
11 Del.	36	351	72	165	10	125	33	17	1,490	4,059 30
12 Ia.	338	7,601	1,090	1,625	121	1,322	342	130	13,540	44,750 04
13 Tenn.	364	7,856	260	1,326	129	1,296	334	127	16,250	42,482 88
14 N. C.	114	3,653	74	151	17	229	59	34	3,962	11,585 78
15 Ky.	204	3,715	807	1,093	119	1,307	404		8,112	25,265 52
16 Ga.	281	8,357	276	1,077	106	1,297	609	157	12,074	37,697 02
17 Ill.	263	6,726	786	932	137	846	300	132	10,980	37,258 83
18 R. I.	15	169	18	23	6	18	9	7	552	1,942 38
19 Mich.	128	2,236	742	463	31	225	111	47	5,222	13,694 84
20 Mo.*										
21 N. H.	60	1,391	185	205	16	72	18	5	2,931	10,194 44
22 La.	76	1,644	273	376	33	281	66	28	2,400	9,705 18
23 S. C.	72	2,616	0	17	16	204	76	45	3,446	11,047 88
24 Ala.	321	5,337	317	948	116	1,025	254	125	11,127	38,774 55
25 N. Br.	56	948	92	414	20	142	62	39	3,081	8,206 49
26 Miss.†										
27 Iowa.	73	1,347	111	185	16	146	33	19	2,034	3,522 80
28 Wis.	95	2,369	352	371	19	343	85	32	3,234	10,758 62
29 N. Scot.	100	1,248	126	203	24	189	88	25	4,314	12,784 73
30 Vt.	55	1,437	69	100	11	76	50	23	2,104	7,328 79
31 Texas.	57	2,097	66	116	13	175	39	2	3,047	7,701 99
32 Ark.	39	529	20	28	10	41	14	1	1,029	1,980 41
33 P. E. Isl	13	897	70	80	6	102	28	25	1,035	497 06
34 Fla.	25	272	43	54	1	52	15	6	577	1,204 71
35 C W.	87	3,583	107	108	6	141	67	18	3,605	11,229 40
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	5,563	109,401	15,212	24,764	2,011	9,705	6,130	2,300	232,233	749,175 47

* Returns not received owing to illness of G. Scribe. (Probably 140 Div. and 5500
† Documents of G. D. of Miss. destroyed by fire at Vicksburg. (Probably 180 Div.)

OF M. W. SCRIBE.

THE ORDER OF SONS OF TEMPERANCE,

YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1st, 1849, AND ENDING MARCH 31st, 1850.

Paid for benefits.	Cash on hand.	Total expenses.	Per centage to Grand Divisions.	Dispensation fees.	Number of Representatives to G. Ds.	Num. Man. Ard't Sp's.	Num. Rep. to Nat. Div.	Per centage due National Division.
36,679 21	60,283 06		2,593 64		2,572		16	289 36
9,167 93	23,021 98	7,503 00	914 73		771		9	91 47
5,659 00	27,077 72	6,810 33	1,108 56	12 00	512		8	112 05
34,035 01	66,559 76	41,888 33	2,318 62	66 00	2,705		12	238 46
5,329 73	13,205 16		796 93	5 00	539		8	80 19
9,541 40	16,786 71	7,371 59	1,416 83		989		7	141 68
707 42	1,135 95	1,119 72	82 27	1 00	95		11	8 32
8,944 38	34,558 38	24,246 11	2,417 20	232 00	1,571	720	8	264 92
6,060 75	14,572 78	3,351 87	625 17	15 50		1	7	64 00
17,796 84	26,478 59	28,292 33	2,491 68		2,172	40	8	249 16
1,988 15	2,576 79		198 84		135		9	19 88
13,179 04	26,237 33	7,017 90	2,237 50		1,263		7	223 75
8,636 30	17,582 84	18,140 39	2,124 14	437 00	1,138		8	256 11
660 00	4,138 12	7,918 73	649 99	131 00	369		7	78 09
7,764 10	14,634 94	13,502 24	1,341 05	116 63	425		10	145 76
6,209 48	13,036 57	20,343 49	1,884 85	325 00	479		7	220 98
8,795 29	14,069 30		1,862 66	83 00	322		6	194 56
442 84	551 99		92 96	3 00	84		7	9 52
3,287 52	3,968 63	6,706 17	630 45		454		5	63 04
							4	
2,025 44	6,485 70	2,681 76	499 50				6	49 95
1,569 91	3,092 00	6,046 41	481 54	168 00	145		6	64 95
805 25	4,154 30	2,948 42	548 04	25 00	93	14	5	57 30
8,036 76	9,848 43		1,901 04	250 00	98		6	215 10
2,711 96	8,407 76	3,778 76	396 26	9 00	143		4	40 52
							4	
1,553 89	3,004 11	275 44	336 31				2	33 63
1,793 81	3,339 84		540 68				5	54 06
1,863 79		10,064 24	644 85				6	64 48
864 01	2,559 60	2,312 02	366 08				5	36 60
1,504 17	1,937 58		402 80	54 25	87		4	45 70
370 75	599 39		117 50	13 00	33		2	13 05
497 06	1,242 68	2,738 50	202 39		32		3	20 23
56 80	1,514 11	605 70	68 81		47		3	6 88
244 56	3,798 95	6,770 12	557 08	18 00	82		2	57 50
208,782 55	430,461 05	232,433 57	33,150 95	1,964 38	17,361	775	227	3,511 31

members.)

and 7500 members.) Minnesota, 2 Div. Canada East, 1 Div. Great Britain, 8 Div.

M. W. Treasurer presented his Annual Report as follows :

TO THE M. W. P., OFFICERS AND BROTHERS OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION, OF THE S. OF T.:

The Treasurer of the National Division makes the following Report, viz :

Balance as per last account.	\$ 166 85
Received of M. W. S. to May 15, 1850,	7,595 59
Amount of Receipts to May 15, 1850	7,762 44
Paid to May 15, 1850, as per orders, &c., amount to, \$5,995 85	
Balance in hands of Treasurer, on May 15, 1850.	1,766 59
	7,762 44
Balance in Treasurer's hand, May 15, 1850,	1,766 59
Received of M. W. S. since May 15, 1850,	1,274 46
June 12, " M. W. P. balance of Jubilee Fund,	29 32
June 12, 1850, Amount due National Division,	\$3,070 37
June 13, Received of M. W. S.	67 00
	\$3,137 37

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. WOOD, M. W. T.

Boston, June 12, 1850.

DETAILED REPORT.

1849.			Dr.
Aug, 18,	To balance per last Report,		\$ 166 85
May 29,	" cash from M. W. S.,		2,780 04
" "	" do.		100 00
June 6,	" do.		108 00
" 20,	" do.		228 50
" 23,	" do.		493 83
Sept. 26,	" do.		58 55
Oct. 39,	" do.		150 00
Nov. 9,	" do.		322 92
" "	" do.		290 95
" 16,	" do.		100 00
" 26,	" do.		210 00
Dec. 12,	" do.		178 34
1850.			
Jan. 8,	" do.		168 54
" 15,	" do.		180 24
" 18,	" do.		280 25
Feb. 6,	" do.		87 76
" 7,	" do.		234 89
Mar. 12,	" do.		260 00
" 16,	" do.		192 47
May 9,	" do.		620 55
" 14,	" do.		249 76
" 15,	" do.		200 00
" "	" do.		100 00

Total, \$7,762 44

1849.			Cr.
May 15,	By order S. F. Cary of Cincinnati,	No. 1.	\$ 12 00
" "	do.	2.	300 00
" 18,	do.	3.	300 00
" "	P. S. White,	4.	200 00
" "	B. F. Yard,	5.	285 12
" "	James Pollock,	6.	15 00
" "	H. V. Horton,	7.	25 00
" "	F. H. Underwood,	8.	25 00
" "	George Crosby,	9.	50 00
" "	H. V. Horton,	10.	175 00
" "	B. Bryan,	11.	50 00
" 29,	Jno. Dainty, of Philadelphia,	12.	198 50
" "	Jos. Severns & Co.,	13.	122 51
June 6,	C. A. Walborn,	14.	60 00
" 19,	Jno. Dainty,	15.	126 40
" 16,	Craig & Young,	16.	10 00
July 7,	do.	17.	86 50
Aug. 11,	S. D. Wyeth,	18.	102 28
" "	Jno. Dainty,	19.	160 00
Sept. 8,	Craig & Young,	20.	297 00
" 11,	F. A. Fickardt,	21.	250 00
" 18,	Craig & Young,	22.	94 00
" 20,	Jno. Dainty,	23.	50 00
" "	do.	24.	160 00
" 22,	Oliver & Brother,	25.	175 00
Nov. 5,	Jno. Dainty,	26.	72 80
" 20,	Craig & Young,	27.	16 00
Dec. 7,	do.	28.	40 00
" 12,	F. A. Fickardt,	29.	250 00
" "	T. Hamilton,	30.	100 00
Dec. 29,	S. D. Wyeth,	31.	40 26
1850.			
Feb. 2,	B. F. Yard,	32.	136 45
" 27,	Jno. Dainty,	33.	160 00
Mar. 8,	Oliver & Brother,	34.	364 00
" 11,	E. Tracy,	35.	300 00
" 12,	F. A. Fickardt,	36.	200 00
April 2,	Craig & Young,	37.	17 00
" 17,	do.	38.	18 00
May 9,	Jno. Dainty,	39.	160 00
" 15,	Oliver & Brother,	40.	175 00
" 16,	Jno. Finn,	41.	50 00
" 15,	F. A. Fickardt,	42.	450 00
" "	Discount on uncurrent funds amounts \$600 at 1 1/2		
" "	June 1849.		10 50
" "	do. do. \$793 34, at 1 1/2,		13 09
" "	do. do. 294 00, do.		2 44
" "	two pound note of Glengonshire Bank		1 00
" "	Counterfeit notes of the Northern Bank of Kentucky,		21 00
" "	do. Bank of Delaware,		5 00
" "	do. Commercial Bank, Galveston,		
" "	Texas,		6 00
" "	Draft Monroe Division, No. 26, Benefit of P. H. Stroud, (National Fund),		33 00
" "	Draft Burlington Division No. 2, Iowa, favor D. M. Ewing, July 28, 1849. (National Fund),		25 00
			\$5,995 85
			575

Respectfully submitted, in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

JAMES B. WOOD, M. W. T.

Referred to Committee on M. W. Treasurer's Report.

On ballot Bro. A. M. Gorman of North Carolina was elected Assistant M. W. S.

Bro. Coy introduced the annexed preamble and resolution :—

Whereas the present mode of making appropriations of money, not reported upon and recommended by the Finance Committee, may lead to lavish and improvident expenditures ; therefore—

Resolved, That a Committee, in addition to the Committee of Finance, be appointed by the M. W. P. at the commencement of each session, to whom shall be referred all resolutions involving money grants to report thereon—excepting sums reported from the Finance Committee—and that no order or resolution shall be entertained or passed for payment until the same shall have been reported upon by such Committee; and that no appropriation of money shall be made unless the motion therefor is made on some day previous to the last day of the session.

On motion agreed to. M. W. P. appointed Bros. Coy, Foust, Adams, of Ind., as the Committee.

Bro. Oliver moved to amend the Rules of the N. D., viz :—

Order of Business, Sec. 10:—strike out the concluding words, as follows :—“Committee on Appeals to consist of five,” and insert “two Committees on Appeals to consist of five each, to be known as Nos 1. and 2.”

Agreed to.

M. W. P. appointed the following Standing Committees :—

On Constitutions :

George Crosby, of Pennsylvania.
Friend W. Smith, of Connecticut.
A. F. Cunningham, of Dist. of Columbia.

On Ceremonies and Regalia :

William S. Dillingham, of New York.
Joseph Grisham, of South Carolina.
Edward Stacey, of Canada West.

On Returns and Finances ;

James Johnson, of New Brunswick.
James Young, of Maryland.
Joshua S. Valentine, of Delaware.

On State of the Order :

Andrew L. Stone, of Connecticut.
Philip S. White, of Pennsylvania.
William R. Drinkard, of Virginia.

On Appeals:—No. 1.

Charles Eginton, of Kentucky.
 William N. Searles, of New Jersey.
 John B. Smith, of Wisconsin.
 Marcus T. Carpenter, of Mississippi.
 Thomas E. Powers, of Vermont.

On Appeals:—No. 2.

John W. Oliver, of New York.
 Joseph Felt, of Georgia.
 Nathaniel Wilson, of Maine.
 Coker F. Clarkson, of Indiana.
 Nelson D. Elwood, of Illinois.

On M. W. P.'s Report:

Memorable W. Creagh, of Alabama.
 Albert M. Baker, of Michigan.
 John H. Heywood, of Kentucky.

On M. W. S.'s & M. W. Tr.'s Reports:

Isaac Litton, of Tennessee.
 George E. H. Day, of Wisconsin.
 David P. Weir, of North Carolina.

Communications were called for from the several Grand Divisions, and referred to the appropriate Committees.

Ordered that a list of the Committees of the N. D. be printed.

M. W. P. Cary submitted sundry decisions made by him during the past year, which were referred to Com. on Appeals, No. 2.

M. W. P. Cary submitted sundry bills and vouchers of expenditures made by him at Cincinnati, in 1849. which were referred to Committee on Finance.

Bro. Searles submitted the the annexed Report, which was adopted.

Boston, June 11th, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T. OF N. A.

The Committee to whom were referred for examination at the Sixth Annual Session, the financial matters of the Order as shown by the books of M. W. S. and M. W. T., beg leave to report that as soon as possible after their return to Philadelphia, they entered upon the duties assigned them and carefully examined the account books, vouchers and orders of those officers and compared them with the reports, and found the same strictly correct and the accounts kept in a business-like manner. There were no matters or documents in the hands of the M. W. S. requiring their attention.

The Committee also enquired into the cause of the absence of the M. W. S. from our last Session, and satisfied themselves that it was occasioned by illness during his journey to Cincinnati, together with the prevailing opinion that the prevalence of the cholera would prevent the National Division from assembling.

We found the M. W. S. upon our arrival suffering from the premonitory symptoms of the cholera which entirely disqualified him from attending to any business, and subsequently prostrated and detained him upon the bed of sickness for several weeks.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. N. SEARLES,
JOHN FINN,
GEO. CROSBY, } Committee.

Committee on Credentials submitted the following Report on the resolutions offered by Bro. Powers.

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

We have had under consideration the resolution of this Division, passed this morning, requiring us to enquire whether any person or persons are occupying seats in this Division who were elected at any other than the constitutional time.

Upon examination we find the credentials all correct, with the exception, probably, of those of Bro. Chubbuck of Vermont. On yesterday we reported this Brother's credentials correct. In our haste in making up our report we saw it was duly attested with the Seal by the Grand Scribe, and by casting the eye hastily over it we saw these words, "the Grand Division at its Annual Session in October last" in the body of the Certificate, naturally supposed it all right, but our attention having been carefully called to it, we find the election took place on the 10th day of April last, when the Constitution of this Division specifies that it shall be at the Annual Session in October.

The following is a copy of the Certificate of Brother Chubbuck's election :—

GRAND DIVISION S. OF T. OF VERMONT, NEWBURY, April 10, 1850.

This is to certify that P. G. W. A. Thomas Chubbuck has this day been unanimously elected to represent this Grand Division in the National Division until October next.

The election was made at this session to correct an omission of the Grand Division at its Annual Session in October last.

[L. S.] In testimony whereof we have caused this to be signed by our G. S., and the Seal of the Grand Division to be attached.

WM. W. WELLS, G. Scribe.

Not having any further knowledge of the facts than are embodied in the Certificate, but inasmuch as it appears he was unanimously elected by his Grand Division, we therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Bro. Chubbuck be allowed his seat in this Division.

C. F. CLARKSON,
JAS. PATTERSON.
JAS. YOUNG.

On motion the report was laid on the table.

Bro. Williford offered a resolution fixing the hours of meeting of the N. D., which was amended and agreed to as follows :—

Meet daily at 8 o'clock, A. M.			
Adjourn	1	"	P. M.
Meet	3½	"	"
Adjourn	6½	"	"

Bro. Kennedy of New York moved the following :—

Resolved, That the rule requiring the election and installation of officers to take place at the close of the biennial session be rescinded, and that said election take place on the second day of the session.

Bro. Eginton moved to amend by striking out "second" and inserting "fourth," which was agreed to.

Resolution as amended agreed to.

Bro. Eginton moved that the election take place at nine o'clock, Friday morning.

Agreed to.

Bro. Patterson offered the following :—

Resolved, That the Eighth Annual Session of the National Division be held in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, on the second Tuesday in May, 1851.

On motion, laid on the table.

Bro. Kennedy of N. Y. moved that all the papers relating to the case of Bro. Perry, be referred to a Special Committee, such being the expressed wish of Bro. Perry.

Agreed to, and Bros. Hunter, Freeman, Campbell appointed.

Bro. Minor offered the following :—

Resolved, That 250 copies of so much of the M. W. Scribe's Report as suggests alterations in any of the constitutions or polity of the Sons of Temperance, be forthwith printed, and two copies presented to each member of the National Division as early as possible.

Agreed to.

On motion of Bro. Dikeman,

Resolved, That Bro. Swett be authorized to carry out the resolutions in regard to printing.

Agreed to.

Bro. Young offered a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Ceremonies.

National Division took a recess until 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3½ o'clock.

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Cary.

Bro. Clark, of D. C., offered the following,

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the National Division, be held in the City of Washington, D. C.

On motion, laid on the table.

Bro. A. M. Gorman was introduced and obligated as Asst. M. W. S.

Bro. Stone from Committee appointed at the last session, presented a Funeral Ceremony for the Order, which was laid on the table.

Bro. Hunt offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Bro. Cunningham offered a resolution, referred to Committee on Constitutions.

A copy of the Funeral Ceremony adopted by the Grand Division of Tennessee was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Bros. Dikeman and Hunt were added to the Committee on Funeral Ceremony.

Report of the Committee on Funeral Ceremony was taken from the table and referred back to the Committee.

Bro. Oliver, from Committee appointed at previous session to prepare a Ceremony for Dedication of Halls, presented a printed report, which was laid on the table.

Bro. Grosh submitted a resolution, referred to Committee on Constitutions.

A communication from Grand Division of Louisiana asking permission to hold their Annual Session in January, instead of October, was presented.

On motion, the request was granted.

Bro. Adams, of Ind., offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Oliver offered resolutions relative to a new Ritual for the Order, referred to the Committee on Ceremonies.

Bro. Parsons submitted a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Smith, of Wis., submitted a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Drinkard submitted a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Oliver submitted a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

National Division then took a recess until eleven o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 13, 1850.

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Cary.

Prayer by the M. W. Chaplain, pro tem.

Journal of yesterday, read, corrected, and approved.

Committee on Ceremonies presented a report relative to the office of Chaplain.

Bro. Smith, of Wis. offered an amendment. Report and amendment referred back to the Committee.

Committee on Ceremonies offered the annexed

REPORT.

Resolved, That all Past Officers of Grand and Subordinate Divisions are entitled to wear the Regalia and Jewels appertaining to the highest offices they have passed.

J. S. GRAHAM.

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia having carefully considered the annexed resolution, referred to them for that purpose, are of opinion that its adoption would not be followed by any beneficial results; that it would probably lead to confusion in the Division room; and is not required by any reasons apparent to your Committee. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Resolution agreed to.

Same Committee read the following

REPORT.

Resolved, That the following resolution passed at the 5th Annual Session of the N. D. be repealed, to wit:—

“Resolved, As the sense of this National Division, that when the Grand Division of any State or District, for any cause, fail to continue any member of this body as a Representative, the right to wear the Blue Regalia ceases with his official relation; and the same rule applies to Grand Divisions.”

[See page 77, Journal, 5th Session.]

JOSEPH FELT.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, recommend its adoption.

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY.

Ordered that the vote be taken by yeas and nays, which resulted as follows:—37 yeas, 39 nays.

Subsequently on leave, several Representatives were allowed to record their votes, and the final result is as follows:—

YEAS:—New York—Warren Rockwell, John S. Graham, Wake-
man H. Dikeman, James H. Perry, S. R. Kirby.

Pennsylvania—Ernest F. Bleck, George Crosby, Thomas P.
Hunt, James B. Wood.

New Jersey—Benjamin F. Yard, John C. Sheets.

Connecticut—Edward B. Cooke, Friend W. Smith, Andrew
L. Stone.

Massachusetts—Samuel Ellis, William R. Stacy, Stephens Baker.

District of Columbia—John D. Clark, John C. Harkness, A. F. Cunningham.

Maine—Charles Freeman, Abiel W. Kennedy, Nathaniel Wilson, Joseph Nye, Jr.

Indiana—Coker F. Clarkson, Fabius M. Finch, William Hanaman, Benjamin T. Kavanagh.

Georgia—Joseph Felt, William S. Williford.

Illinois—Nelson D. Elwood, John F. Grosh, Henry C. Park.

New Hampshire—Edwin P. Hill.

Michigan—Albert M. Baker, Alonzo Cressey.

South Carolina—Joseph Grisham.

Missouri—William S. Stewart.

Louisiana—James Patterson.

Iowa—Alexander D. Anderson.

Wisconsin—George E. H. Day.

Nova Scotia—William Burrell.

Vermont—Thomas Chubbuck.

Canada West—Edward Stacey. —44.

NAYS :—New York—John W. Oliver, Daniel H. Sands, James Kennedy, Wakeman H. Dikeman, William Edmonds.

Pennsylvania—Philip S. White, Robert M. Foust, Frederick A. Fickardt.

New Jersey—William N. Searles, Darius Wells, J. S. Yard.

Maryland—James Young.

Connecticut—James S. Clark, Elisha M. Gorham.

Massachusetts—Charles W. Slack, William A. White.

Virginia—Alexander P. Abell, William R. Drinkard, Edward Delany, James L. Jones, Lucian Minor.

Ohio—Samuel F. Cary.

Delaware—Joshua S. Valentine.

Indiana—Lewis J. Adams.

Tennessee—Isaac Litton, Isaac Paul.

North Carolina—James H. Enniss, Samuel G. Smith, David P. Weir.

Kentucky—Charles Eginton, Nathaniel D. Hunter, John H. Heywood, Charles B. Parsons.

Louisiana—James Patterson.

Alabama—Memorable W. Creagh.

New Brunswick—Asa Coy, Alexander Campbell, James Johnson, Samuel L. Tilley.

Wisconsin—John B. Smith.

Vermont—Thomas E. Powers, Arms D. Putnam. —42.

The recommendation of the Committee was thereby agreed to.

Committee on Ceremonies presented the annexed—

REPORT.

NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T.

Boston, June 13, 1850.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed preamble and resolutions, have given to the subject all the consideration which a matter of so much importance demands. Your Committee, representing a constituency north, south, and centre, unanimously concur in the belief that nothing could probably be devised that would tend so effectually to give a fresh impetus to the onward march of our Order as the adoption of these resolutions. If our object were simply to augment the treasury, irrespective of any considerations for the increased facilities thereby afforded of extending the muster-roll of our great Temperance army, of enlarging our sphere of usefulness in this cause of humanity, as a mere pecuniary transaction, your Committee are of opinion that it would be difficult to invest a thousand dollars where principal and interest would so soon return to us, as in the manner contemplated in these resolutions. Your Committee earnestly recommend the adoption of them by this National Division.

W. S. DILLINGHAM.
JOSEPH GRISHAM.
EDWARD STACEY.

Whereas, it is believed by a large portion of the Order that the time has arrived when a new and more comprehensive Book of Ceremonies for Subordinate Divisions should be prepared—therefore

Resolved, That an appropriation of \$1000 be made from the treasury of the National Division to be offered as a premium for the best Ritual for Subordinate Divisions.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be elected by ballot, to which the subject shall be referred—said Committee to have power

1st. To offer the premium in the name of the National Division.

2d. To meet and examine such manuscripts as may be sent in for competition in time to be able to report at the next annual session.

3d. If the Committee do not approve of either of the manuscripts, it shall have power to reject the whole,—or if a more satisfactory Ritual can be made by taking parts of different manuscripts and working them together, said Committee shall have power to do so, and make an equitable division of the premium, subject to approval by the National Division.

J. W. OLIVER.

Laid on the table.

National Division took a recess until 3½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Thursday.

National Division called to order by M. W. A. Stacy.

Bro. Rockwell offered a resolution, referred to Committee on Constitutions.

Committee on Ceremonies presented the following.

Resolved, That in repealing Rule 10th of the B. B., the N. D. did not intend to abolish the office of Chaplain in Subordinate Divisions, it having been from the first the established usage of the Order to leave the appointment or non-appointment of Chaplains entirely to the discretion of Subordinate Divisions.

Agreed to.

Committee on Ceremonies presented the following report.

NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T., Boston, June 13, 1850.

The Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, recommend that it be referred to a special Committee with power to procure a suitable emblem in accordance with the above Resolution,

W. S. DILLINGHAM.
EDWARD STACEY,
JOSEPH GRISHAM.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be raised who shall report a suitable emblem to be worn by G. P. M. W. P.'s.

Laid on the table.

Committee on Finance presented the following report.

Boston, June 13th, 1850.

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS:—

The Committee of Finance having examined the vouchers for sums expended by the M. W. P., in the liquidation of expenses incurred on account of the National Jubilee intended to have been held in Cincinnati, in June, 1849; find the account to stand as follows:—

Amount paid to sundry parties in Cincinnati per receipts,	- \$244 30
Amount paid Horace Greely, per Order of N. D.,	- 50 00
do. do. expenses at Hotel,	- 8 50
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Deduct amount placed in the hands of M. W. P. -	- 300 00
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Due M. W. P.,	\$ 2 80

The M. W. P. having paid in error to the M. W. S. the sum of 29 32

They find a balance in his favor of - \$ 32 12
and recommend the annexed resolution for adoption.

J. JOHNSON,
JAMES YOUNG, } Committee.
J. GRAHAM,

Resolved, That the sum of \$32.12 be appropriated to reimburse the M. W. P. for over expenditure and money paid the M. W. T. in error, in account of the National Jubilee fund in 1849.

Agreed to.

The following communications were received, viz:—

From G. D. of Texas, requesting a second G. D., referred to Committee on State of the Order.

From G. D. of Nova Scotia requesting the N. D. to locate the G. D. alternately at Halifax and Yarmouth, referred to Committee on State of the Order.

From G. D. of Nova Scotia asking a reduction of the minimum rates of initiation fee, referred to Committee on Constitutions.

Appeal of Albert Division from action of G. D. of Nova Scotia, referred to Committee of Appeals, No. 1.

Appeal of Alexander Hichborn, from action of G. D. of Nova Scotia, referred to Committee of Appeals, No. 2.

Committee on State of the Order submitted the following :—

JUNE 13, 1850.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the Grand Division of Kentucky, requesting this body "to change or modify the present law regulating the eligibility to the Order and office of those employed as book-keepers &c. in wholesale liquor stores, or establishments partially engaged in that traffic, as to leave the whole subject at the discretion and under the control of the Grand Divisions," are of opinion that the present law is the only wise and safe rule of conduct for Sons of Temperance in this respect, and that they fear the change or modification recommended by the Grand Division of Kentucky would seriously and deleteriously affect the great principle upon which our organization is based, which causes a brother the moment he enters our "circle of honor," to dissolve his connection in every shape and form, with the manufacture, purchase, sale or use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage.

They therefore recommend the following resolution for adoption.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

W. H. DRINKARD,
PHILIP S. WHITE,
A. L. STONE.

Resolved, That the proposed change is inexpedient.

Agreed to.

Same Committee read the following

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred communications from the Grand Divisions of the States of New York, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Nova Scotia, Illinois and Arkansas, respecting changes in the places of holding the Annual Sessions of those Grand Divisions, are of the opinion that this whole subject should be under the exclusive control of the respective Grand Divisions, and they therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution :—

W. R. DRINKARD,
PHILIP S. WHITE,
A. S. STONE.

Resolved, that Article I, and Section second of the Revised Rules be so changed as to read that each Grand Division shall have authority at its Annual Meeting to determine the place at which its next Annual as well as Quarterly Sessions shall be held.

Agreed to.

Same Committee read the following :—

REPORT.

The Committee on the state of the Order beg leave to present their Report on the general condition of the Order.

ALL reform movements are founded in a deep-seated and influential belief in the final and permanent elevation of man. Amid all the fluctuations of human interests, in times of deepest gloom and disaster, there is ever a steady faith in the coming on of a brighter day, when the right shall triumph. This is the unwavering testimony which humanity, never losing the hope of her complete redemption, gives to the truth of prophecy. Every aggressive movement in morals looks forward to indefinite enlargement and full success. There is no provision made for its arrest, no limitation of its progress,

no thought of being content with any advantages and concessions this side its perfect ascendancy. There is in it, however inspired, the cheering confidence of sometime resting from its labors—its work being accomplished.

So pre-eminently do these movements take such powerful hold of us. We feel that they have to do with the destinies of the perfect ages. We feel that they are not to go down, that they cannot be defeated, that there is in them the certainty of victory, that they will continue more and more to draw all eyes, enlist all hearts and employ all hands, till on the mountain tops the light breaks and the day is enthroned.

The Temperance Reform works with this inspiration and hope. It looks to the utter and final extermination of the evils against which it is arrayed, and means never to relax zeal or effort till this end is gained.

If, therefore, the distinct measures to which at any time we put our hand, seem to fail of happy issues; if reverses here and there check our fortunes, we do not despair. The cause in its main front may still be gaining ground; as on the battle field, squadron after squadron may go down from ranks that are yet moving to victory—as on the sea, the billows on the surface may curl and break as though in retreat, while the deep tide surges surely on its flow.

The review of our progress as an Order, for the past year, calls up mingled emotions of regret and rejoicing. We have no disposition in public or private, to disguise the truth. The number of defections from our ranks within this period, is unusually large.

Many have forgotten their sacred vows, and yielding to accursed temptation, in an evil hour have given themselves over bond-slaves to their old captivity. We do not deny that such betrayal hurts our cause, let those rejoice over it that will. Every brother so falling away not only breaks his solemn vow and enslaves himself afresh, but puts off the day of deliverance to other captives, strengthens the hands that forge the chains, and blocks the car of emancipation.

Others still have left our fraternity for other causes. Some, doubtless, from motives that do them no dishonor. Some, perhaps, wearying of so rigid a self-restraint, or unworthily influenced by personal enmities, or charmed no longer by novelty, or piqued at fancied slights, and not a few as the penalty of mere negligence, or want of thrift, in meeting the trifling taxes which ensure them the pecuniary aid of the Order in time of sickness and disability. If any of these classes are satisfied to have no more part in so good an enterprise, the greater loss we think is theirs.

There have been yet other removals, which we cannot pass over in silence. That terrible scourge of God, whose approaches make the nations pale, again overleaping the sea from its Eastern home, has again walked through the land. Some of our brethren have fallen before its mortal ravages. Their places are vacant in our ranks—vacant where they stood at posts of duty and honor—vacant beneath the roofs where the widow and fatherless feel each hour the loss of their stay and counsellor. But here in our hearts their place is not vacant. Peace to the memory of our departed brothers, and when coming and not distant days shall add another and another name from our number to the lengthening scroll of death, let each anticipate for himself this living remembrance in the hearts of survivors!

But the picture of the past is not all so shaded; it has brighter lines for our eye. With all the defections and losses of which we have spoken, the membership of our Order has still advanced within the year by an increase of very nearly 25,000 souls, leaving us now but little less than 250,000 strong.—This is a better progress, the Committee are satisfied, than the rapid and unhealthful enlargement of previous years, which made a reaction in some sense inevitable. Our accessions now are of the right sort—likely to be permanent, and convey a more deliberate testimony to the beauty and excellence of our Institution.

The Committee feel convinced that the Order is actually stronger and more vigorous for its work, from the winnowing of the past twelvemonth. It is

good to know who are the true and faithful. Absolute indifference—even open hostility—is better than faint-hearted, wavering friendship.

The Order is manifestly taking deeper and firmer hold upon the confidence of the wise and good in every part of our land. The number of professedly Christian men and of Christian ministers pledged to its covenants, is continually enlarging. Such alliances are not indeed needed to make this associated movement respectable. The sight of humanity, on any of its levels, struggling against the despotism of vice, and essaying to disenthral its brethren also, is a spectacle of moral sublimity that of itself commands respect. But such a membership as one feature of our progress, and one element of power in our working, has its peculiar value, and is fitting matter of congratulation.

This fraternity, too, is making itself more and more felt as a bond of intersectional attachment for our own country. It binds together the North and the South, the East and the West, by cords strong and sacred as household ties, and adds the mighty chorus of its many voices to the cry of every true heart for UNION, HARMONY!

Nay, it contemplates and is realizing a wider brotherhood than any contained within the boundaries of mere patriotism. It has its disciples in the British Possessions on this continent, and beyond the Atlantic, under the very shadow of the British throne.

The Committee, while taking courage from these results and these omens, are deeply impressed with the wisdom and importance of some measures on the part of this body to secure the public advocacy of the principles of our Order, and its wider extension by the services of men of good character and distinguished ability, employed to travel and lecture on our behalf.

The Committee entertain the conviction that the legislation of the Order, and all changes in the same, should be based on the idea that the paramount aim and design of the Order is to redeem men and to preserve men from the evils of Intemperance, and that any other features are incidental and subordinate; and we express our deep regret that under existing Constitutional provisions so many of our brethren should be cut off from fellowship for pecuniary delinquencies alone.

The Committee do not wish in this Report to submit propositions for the action of the National Division, but simply to give utterance to the expression of sentiments in which they hope the concurrence of this body.

The Committee say, in conclusion, that the position of this Order is every year more and more responsible. Had the attempt to found such an Order failed at the outset, that would have been at the time comparatively a trifling calamity. There was then nothing gained to be lost. But now, interests of amazing magnitude are committed to this movement. We stand strong here. Our tread shakes the Continent. We have gathered within our histories and destinies the hopes of bleeding and suffering humanity, for at least one quarter of the globe. If we fail now, charged with such precious and sacred trusts, through indolence, or blunders of legislation, or weariness in well-doing, or angry controversies that shall rend us asunder, we should deserve and receive the "SHAMES" of all Christendom.

A. L. STONE,
PHILIP S. WHITE, } Committee.
W. R. DRINKARD,

Report agreed to.

Brother Baker, of Mich, offered the following :—

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, presented by Bro. A. L. Stone, be printed for the use of this National Division.

Agreed to.

Same Committee submitted the following:—

June 13, 1850.

The Committee on the State of the order to whom was referred a resolution that the per centage to the National Division from the Grand Divisions be and hereby is reduced to per cent on their receipts," report that this change, if desirable, can be better affected by the reduction of the per centage on the receipts of Subordinate Divisions to Grand Divisions, which can be regulated by the respective Grand Divisions.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

W. R. DRINKARD.

PHILIP S. WHITE,

A. L. STONE.

Resolved, That the National Division deem it unnecessary to take any further action upon the subject

Bro. Cunningham moved to amend the report as follows:—

Resolved, That the per centage paid to this National Division shall hereafter be 5 per cent.

On motion, the report and amendment were laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. P. S. White, a new charter was granted to the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, their original charter having been accidentally destroyed.

On motion, ordered, that 500 Copies of the M. W. Patriarch's report be printed.

Bro. Eginton moved that when the N. D. adjourn at 6½ to day, it meet again at 8 P. M.

Agreed to.

Committee on the State of the Order submitted the annexed—

REPORT.

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Division of the State of Kentucky, recommending that our Odes and Cards be printed upon varnished paper, beg leave to report that, believing that the proposed change would, at least, give much greater durability to the material upon which our Odes and Cards are printed, and consequently tend to greater economy in our necessarily large appropriations, they would recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD.

PHILIP S. WHITE.

A. L. STONE.

Resolved, That all Odes and Cards hereafter ordered to be printed by this National Division, be printed upon varnished paper.

Laid on the table.

Committee on Appeals, No. 1. submitted the following—

REPORT.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. Gill from a decision of the Grand Division of the District of Columbia,

would respectfully report—that although it is apparent that Bro. Gill had appealed from the decision of Timothy Division, yet no duly authenticated record appears to have been presented to the Grand Division, but that body appointed a Committee who heard testimony and examined the minute book of the Subordinate Division, all of which was irregular and improper; and although upon the facts as proven before the Grand Division they have decided aright, yet still we are unwilling to dispose of it on that point, but recommend that the appeal be dismissed because the case was not properly before the Grand Division, nor is it properly before this National Division.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON.
THOS. E. POWERS.
M. T. CARPENTER.
WM. N. SEARLES.
JOHN B. SMITH.

Agreed to.

Committee on Appeals No. 2. submitted the following—

REPORT.

Boston, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 2, have considered the annexed decisions of M. W. P. Cary, made during the recess of the National Division, under a special resolution of last session, and recommend that they be confirmed.

J. W. OLIVER.
N. D. ELWOOD.
NATHANIEL WILSON.
C. F. CLARKSON.
JOSEPH FELT.

Report of Decisions made by M. W. P. Cary subject to the approval or disapproval of the N. D.

A number of appeals not disposed of at the last Session of this body were placed in my hands, with a direction to report at this session. The cases thus submitted were decided, and the decisions communicated to the proper authorities as follows, viz: 1st, An appeal by Henry Moones from G. D. of N. Y. in the case of Lewis Gould, which came to said G. D. on appeal from Cascadilla Division, No. 17.

The following were the facts in the case as appear on Record. Lewis Gould, a member of Cascadilla Division, on the 27th August, 1846, obtained a visiting card until the 20th March, 1847—the card certified that his dues were paid up to the said date. Gould moved to Illinois, and on the 15th day of July 1847, was taken sick, and continued so for thirteen weeks. On the 30th day of November, 1847, Gould made application, (accompanied with certificate of physician) for benefits—the Division voted 13 weeks benefits. An appeal was taken by Bro. Moones to the G. D. on the following grounds: 1st, the record did not show that Bro. Gould had paid any dues after August 1846, although the card certified that he had paid to March 20th, 1847—that the record must govern, and as more than six months had intervened between the last payment and the disability, he was not entitled to any benefits under the by-law of the Division which provides that “no member who is six months in arrears for dues shall be eligible to receive benefits for three months after he has paid the same.” 2d, If entitled to benefits at all he could only claim for the period of his sickness which preceded the expiration of the six months, viz: nine weeks. 3rd, That Bro. Gould having removed from the jurisdiction

of the G. D., he ceased to be a bona-fide member of No. 97, and therefore not entitled to benefits.

On the trial of the case in the G. D. the appeal was dismissed and the action of the Subordinate Division affirmed, from which action the appeal is taken to the N. D.

Decision of the M. W. P.

1st, The dues of Bro. Gould must be considered as paid up to the 20th March according to the card granted by the Division, although there is no record evidence of the fact. If the F. S. failed to make the proper entry the Division cannot take advantage of his neglect to the injury of an innocent person. It would take advantage of its own wrong which cannot be allowed.

2d, The removal of Bro. Gould does not affect his membership if he conforms to the constitution and by-laws of the Division.

3d, The by-laws of this Division disqualifying those who are six months in arrears for dues from obtaining benefits, would cut off Bro. Gould after the 20th September, unless they have a law absolving the sick from paying dues which does not appear from the papers in the cause, which would only entitle him to *nine weeks benefits instead of thirteen as allowed.*

4th, The G. D. predicated its decision upon the fact that the *nine weeks benefits* would more than cancel his indebtedness *for the six months dues*, and therefore gave him benefits for the whole period of thirteen weeks.

But the Division owed nothing until the claim was presented and allowed, until in other words the sum was liquidated, which was not until November or December following. After the 20th of September 1847, Bro. Gould was a delinquent and could not claim assistance from the Division. He was therefore not entitled to benefits for the *nine weeks* preceding the 20th September.

The decision of the G. D. is therefore reversed and the appeal sustained and the case remanded to the Subordinate Division for amendment.

An appeal from the decision of the G. D. of Prince Edward's Island.

The question involved in the appeal before us is "can the clerks of mercantile establishments whose situations necessarily compel them to buy and sell liquors be admitted into our Order?" This question has already been settled by the N. D. However hardly it may operate upon individual cases and however desirable it may be to have the fellowship of some who are thus employed to change or alter the rule would open the door to the grossest imposition. The rule is that every person who deals in *intoxicating beverages* must be excluded except officers of the *law* acting officially. The action of the G. D. of Prince Edward's Island is therefore affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

Decisions agreed to.

Committee on Appeals No. 1 presented the following—

REPORT.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. G. W. McKinney have ascertained from an examination of the record—

That the Grand Division of Ohio, at its July session, 1849, held at Cleveland, admitted to membership Wm. H. Day, a coloured man. At the annual session of 1849 of said Grand Division, the subject of "*the initiation of coloured persons into our Order*" was referred to the Judiciary Committee" who made a report thereon accompanied by a preamble and resolutions, which after being

amended were adopted, and which declared substantially "that it was contrary to the original intention of the founders of *our Order*," socially wrong to compel the whites to associate with the blacks—*contrary to the higher interests of the Order* and at war with its *harmony and prosperity*.

The present session of this National Division was earnestly requested to decide upon the admission of negroes under her jurisdiction, to adopt a uniform rule thereon—and until it was done, that no coloured person should be admitted to a seat in the Grand Division of Ohio."

The undersigned are fully aware of the great importance of this matter, and the absolute necessity of disposing of it conclusively.

The question of slavery is in no wise connected with it, the true point is whether there shall be an indiscriminate admission of whites and blacks under the same organization, or shall they have distinct and separate ones, in our opinion the latter is beyond all doubt the proper course as well for the blacks as the whites.

Every encouragement has heretofore been given for the spread of Temperance among the blacks by societies exclusively of their own colour, and as friends of humanity the Sons of Temperance of North America will ever do so. But our own safety imperatively demands that the distinction of colour shall be observed, and under no circumstances disregarded.

We therefore recommend that this appeal be dismissed—the action of the Grand Division of Ohio at its annual session of 1849 be sustained—and the admission of negroes into Subordinate or Grand Divisions under this jurisdiction declared improper and illegal.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON.
THOMAS E. POWERS.
M. T. CARPENTER.
WM. N. SEARLES.
JOHN B. SMITH.

On the motion to adopt the previous question was called for and sustained.

The Yeas and Nays were ordered, and on the question to adopt the report, resulted as follows:

YEAS.—Alexander P. Abell, Lewis J. Adams, Alexander D. Anderson, Ernest F. Bleck, Albert M. Baker, William Burrell, Coker F. Clarkson, George Crosby, Alonzo Cressey, Alexander Campbell, Asa Coy, James S. Clark, Edward B. Cooke, Marcus T. Carpenter, Memorable W. Creagh, Thomas Chubbuck, Samuel F. Cary, A F. Cunningham, William R. Drinkard, Edward Delany, George E. H. Day, William S. Dillingham, Samuel Ellis, William Edmonds, Charles Eginton, Nelson D. Elwood, James H. Enniss, Fabius M. Finch, Robert M. Foust, Joseph Felt, Charles Freeman, Elisha M. Gorham, John S. Graham, Joseph Grisham, John F. Grosh, William Hannaman, John C. Harkness, John H. Heywood, Thomas P. Hunt, Nathaniel D. Hunter, James L. Jones, Benjamin T. Kavanagh, James Kennedy, Abiel W. Kennedy, Isaac Litton, Lucian Minor, John W. Oliver, Charles B. Parsons, Henry C. Park, James Patterson, Isaac Paul, Edward Paxson, James H. Perry, Thomas E. Powers, Arms D. Putman, Warren Rockwell, Daniel, H. Sands, William N. Searles, John C. Sheets, John Smith, Friend W. Smith, Samuel G. Smith, William S. Stewart, Andrew L. Stone, Samuel L. Tilley, Joshua S. Valentine, David P. Weir, Darius

Wells, Philip S. White, William S. Williford, Nathaniel Wilson, Benjamin F. Yard, Jacob S. Yard, James Young.—74 Yeas.

NAYS,—Edwin P. Hill. Joshua Nye, Jr., Charles W. Slack, William R. Stacy, Edward Stacey, William A. White.—6 Nays.

Committee on Appeals No. 2. presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

A. P. Miller *vs.* Grand Division of New Brunswick.
The Committee on Appeals No. 2, have considered the three Appeals of A. B. Miller against the action of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, and would respectfully report

APPEAL No 1.—It appears that J. S. Turner was elected W. P. of Union Division No. 24, and before his time of office expired the Division surrendered its Charter. The Grand Division gave him a Card of Clearance as a P. W. P., dated the first day of the ensuing term. From this action of the Grand Division Bro. Miller appeals to this body.

The Committee are of opinion that Bro. Turner (see page 33 Journal, Sixth Annual Session—A. D. Anderson *vs.* G. D. of Iowa) was not entitled to the honors of the unexpired term, and therefore report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Appeal of A. P. Miller in the above case be sustained and the action of the Grand Division of New Brunswick reversed.

APPEAL No. 2.—D. D. Currie after serving two terms in subordinate offices in York Division No. 2, was granted a traveling card for three months. After the expiration of said card, but before his membership in York Division had terminated, he was admitted to membership in St. Louis Division No. 1, of Missouri. Shortly after he resigned his membership in St. Louis Division, returned to New Brunswick, paid up his arrearages to York Division No. 2, and by unanimous vote was restored to his former rank. On being nominated for W. A. the W. P. decided "that having resigned his membership in St. Louis Division No. 1, he thereby forfeited his honors and was ineligible." From this decision Bro. Currie appealed to the Division and the Division sustained the W. P. Bro. Currie then appealed to the Grand Division and his appeal was sustained by that body. From this action of the Grand Division Bro. A. P. Miller appeals.

It is clearly the judgment of your Committee that Bro. Currie's connection with St. Louis Division No. 1, was illegal and therefore did not affect his membership in York Division No. 2, and that the action of the Grand Division was correct. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, that the appeal of A. P. Miller in the above case be dismissed.

APPEAL No. 3.—A brother charged with violating the pledge the third time, admitted the offence and the Committee to which the matter was referred reported two resolutions—1st, that the charge was sustained,—and 2d, that inasmuch as it was the third offence he be expelled. The first resolution was negatived, and the charge dismissed. A motion was then made to reconsider this vote. Objection was made on the ground that Art. 10, Sec. 6 declares, "If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution all further proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal." The W. P. however decided the motion in order. This decision was appealed from and the Division sustained the W. P. From this action Bro. Beck appealed to the Grand Division, and that body sustained the appeal. From this decision of the Grand Division Bro. Miller appeals to the National Division.

The Committee agree with the Grand Division that the motion to reconsider was improper, and that the legal redress of those who felt themselves aggrieved by the action of the Division in dismissing the case, was an appeal to the Grand Division, on the ground that the action was contrary to positive evidence. The Committee therefore submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of A. P. Miller in the above case be dismissed,

J. W. OLIVER,
JOSEPH FELT,
NATHANIEL WILSON,
N. D. ELWOOD,
C. F. CLARKSON.

The three Appeals were taken up separately, and the resolutions of the Committee agreed to.

Committee on Appeals No 1. presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Appeals No. 1., to whom was referred the protest of Bro. David H. Bowen and others, of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, report:—that at an adjourned meeting of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania held March 22nd, 1850, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Division recommend to each Subordinate Division under their jurisdiction, to make a voluntary contribution of a sum not less than *one dollar*, to be applied to the purchase of a stone suitable to be presented by the *Sons of Temperance of Pennsylvania*, to the building committee of the Washington Monument.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to make the necessary arrangements to have the object carried into effect.

And the Grand Worthy Patriarch, by the unanimous consent of the G. D. appointed the Committee. At a subsequent meeting of the G. D. held May 24th, 1850, the G. W. P. was called upon to declare the appointment of the committee by him unconstitutional, as per Rule 21st Constitution of Grand Divisions—which he refused to do—whereupon some twenty-nine members protested and instituted this appeal—

We are of opinion that the appointment of the aforesaid committee *under the circumstances and for the purposes as above*, did not conflict with the 21st Rule—and therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. EGINTON,
THOS. E. POWERS,
WM. N. SEARLES,
M. T. CARPENTER.

Agreed to.

Bro. Cooke of Connecticut asked leave to record his vote on the Regalia question. Leave granted. Bro. Cooke voted in the affirmative.

On application of Bro. Wilson of Maine for a similar privilege, the M. W. P. declared that any brother had a right to record his vote when taken by Yeas and Nays, at any time previous to the reading and approval of the Journal. The decision was appealed from, and the decision of the M. W. P. was sustained, 33 to 27. Bro. Wilson recorded his vote in the affirmative.

Several other Brothers then recorded their votes on the same question, all of which were entered on the list.

Committee on Appeals No. 1. presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, report upon the appeal of Harmony Division, No. 24, S. of T., Massachusetts, that said Division had a By-law declaring "That any member three months in arrears shall not be privileged to vote or be eligible to benefits until three months after his accounts have been kept good."

Bro. A. C. Ames paid for and obtained a traveling card up to June 30th, 1847, he removed with his family to Sandwich, in the same State, and on the 29th of July, 1847, obtained a certificate of being sick and disqualified from business from July 5th, 1847 to the date thereof.—Upon that certificate the Division forwarded him \$10. Nothing further was heard from him until the 18th of January, 1848, when he was reported sick and duly visited and waited upon by the Division until the 10th of April, when he died—his funeral was attended by the Division by whom also \$37.97 cts. expenses were paid—he was over six months in arrears when reported sick in January, 1848, and the Division decided him not entitled to weekly benefits, which was appealed from, and the Grand Division of Massachusetts decided him entitled to benefits from the time he was reported sick in January, 1848 until he died—with which the Subordinate Division is dissatisfied and instituted this appeal.

The undersigned Committee are of opinion that Harmony Division is right and the Grand Division wrong upon this question, as this N. D. has heretofore frequently decided, and therefore recommend that the appeal from the decision of the Grand Division of Massachusetts be sustained.

CHARLES EGINTON.
THOMAS E. POWERS.
WM. N. SEARLES.
M. T. CARPENTER.

Agreed to.

Brother Clarkson presented a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Brother Creagh presented a resolution, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Brother Grisham presented a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Brother Abell presented a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Minor presented the annexed, referred to the Committee on constitutions.

Resolved, That the 1st Section of Rule 13th of Constitution of Grand Divisions be struck out; and that Section 2d of the same Rule be altered by striking out the word "ordinary" and in its place inserting the word "all."

At 6½ P. M. National Division took a recess until 8 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock,

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Cary.

Bro. Hill of N. H. asked leave to change his vote on the Negro question from *Yea* to *Nay*. Leave was granted. See nays.

Bro. Foust asked leave to record his vote on the same question. Leave granted. Bro. Foust voted Yea. See Yeas.

Committee on Appeals No. 1. presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, have duly considered the appeal of Bro. C. S. Taylor, and found that Howard Division, No. 18, S. of T. of Delaware, decided that "a benefit member could not change his relation so as to become a non-benefit member.

2d. "That the W. A. had the right in the presence of the W. P. to perform his duties" Both of these decisions were appealed from to the Grand Division of Delaware, by whom the first decision was reversed and the second sustained.

The By-laws of said Subordinate Division authorizes aged and infirm persons over 60 years of age to become members thereof, by the payment of an initiation fee and one dollar a year as dues, to enjoy all the rights, &c., of the Division, except weekly and funeral benefits.

That portion of the by-laws is clearly unconstitutional—the 5th and 6th Article of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions and the former decisions of this body so declare beyond all doubt.—In regard to the 2d item as it is fairly inferable from the record that the W. A. presided by request of the W. P. there was no error therein.

We therefore recommend that the action of said Grand Division upon the benefit item be reversed, and as to the W. A. item be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON,
THOMAS E. POWERS,
WM. N. SEARLES,
M. T. CARPENTER.

Agreed to.

Committee on Appeals, No. 2. presented a Report on the appeal of Bro. Hea vs. G. D. of New Brunswick.

Report was recommitted.

Committee on Appeals No. 1. presented the following

REPORT :

TO THE N. D. S. OF T. OF N. A.

Boston, June 13, 1850.

James H. Walford, P. W. P. vs. Grand Division of Virginia.

The Committee No. 2 on Appeals, having considered the appeal from the action of the Grand Division of Virginia, and finding the points presented for examination, to be the eligibility of brothers in Subordinate Divisions to serve *two terms* in the same office during the term of *one year*, except in the offices of R. S., F. S., and T., are fully of opinion that one full year must elapse from the close of a term before a brother becomes again eligible to the same office, and believing Sec. 2. Const. of Sub. Divisions, to have been properly defined and adjudicated by the N. D. in the case of Alexander Campbell vs. G. D. of New Brunswick, p. 42, Sixth Annual Session, respectfully submit the following,—

JNO. OLIVER,
NATH'L WILSON,
C. J. CLARKSON,
N. J. ELWOOD,
JOSEPH FELT.

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed.

Agreed to.

Committee on Appeals No. 2, presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T.

Robert Neilson *vs.* Grand Division of Maryland.

The Committee on Appeals No. 2, to which was referred the appeal herein, report, that the papers in this case do not present the points involved with sufficient clearness to enable the committee to arrive at a conclusion.

It appears, however, that the Subordinate Division enacted a by-law for the imposition of fines upon acting P. W. P's for non attendance at meetings, which by-law the Grand Division decided to be unconstitutional, according to Art. 16th, Revised Rules.

Your committee, for the reasons before assigned, cannot make a decision in this case, but as a matter affecting the welfare of Subordinate Divisions to some extent, submit the following:

J. W. OLIVER,
NATH'L WILSON,
C. J. CLARKSON,
N. D. BLWOOD,
JOSEPH FELT,

Resolved, That Subordinate Divisions have the right to enact by-laws for the imposition of fines upon the acting P. W. P's, for non-attendance at the regular meetings,

Resolved, That the appeal of Robert Neilson, Division No. 16, from the action of the Grand Division of Maryland, be dismissed.

Two amendments were offered, but were cut off by the call for previous question. A division was called for and the resolutions were taken up separately.

Resolutions agreed to.

Same Committee read the following

REPORT:

The Committee on appeals No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of Representatives of the Grand Division of Wisconsin from the decision of said Grand Division, respectfully report,

The subject matters of appeal are as follows, to wit:—

1st. "The Grand Division decided that a candidate can be initiated through an interpreter who is not a Son of Temperance."

2d. "When a brother applies for admission by "Card" into a Division, a Committee to inquire into his character is *not* necessary."

Your Committee are of the opinion that the Grand Division of Wisconsin erred in both the decisions appealed from, and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

J. W. OLIVER,
NATHANIEL WILSON,
JOSEPH FELT,
N. D. ELWOOD,
C. J. CLARKSON.

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT :

Boston, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T. OF NORTH AMERICA.

Alexander Campbell, G. S. of Grand Division of New Brunswick.

The Committee on appeals No. 2, to which was referred the appeal of Bro. A. Campbell from the action of the Grand Division of New Brunswick, report the facts to be as follows :—

After due notice given in Charlotte Division No. 4, that at the proper time an alteration of the By-Laws would be moved, to the effect that the Division *instead of meeting weekly, should only meet on the first Wednesday evening in each month, and also on the last Wednesday evening in each quarter*, which proposition was subsequently adopted and became a by-law of the Division; from which action Bro. A. T. Paul appealed to the Grand Division. The Grand Division sustained the Subordinate Division and dismissed the appeal, from which decision and action Bro. Alexander Campbell appeals.

In view of which circumstances your Committee submit the following opinion :—

That there is nothing in the constitution of Subordinate Divisions, or in the rules of the National Division, inconsistent with the above decision of the Grand Division; but it is earnestly recommended that the practice of meeting weekly be observed and continued. Your Committee see no good reason for interfering with the action of the Grand Division of New Brunswick in the premises.

J. W. OLIVER,
N. D. ELWOOD,
C. J. CLARKSON,
JOSEPH FELT,
NATHANIEL WILSON.

Agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT :

Boston, June 13, 1850.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the resolutions offered by P. G. W. P. Adams of Indiana, asking that "Sec. 1, Rule 13th of Constitutions of Grand Divisions be stricken out, and that the remaining sections be numbered in order," beg leave to report that the change asked for would in their judgment prove beneficial, and would operate in the election for officers with perfect fairness to every Division in each jurisdiction, by preventing members near the chartered locality from exerting an undue influence upon the choice of officers, whenever a vote by Divisions may be desired.

The Committee therefore present the following resolution :—

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM,

Resolved, that Sec. 1, of Rule 13, be repealed, and that the remaining sections be numbered in order, and that Rule 5 be amended by adding as a second paragraph the following, "when the vote for officers shall be called for by Divisions as per Rule 13, Sec. 1 and 2, it shall be so taken."

Report laid on the table.

National Division then took a recess until to-morrow morning.

Friday, June 14th 1850.

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Cary.

Prayer by M. W. Chap. *pro tem*.

Journal of yesterday read, corrected and approved.

Bros. Graham and Kirby asked, and obtained leave to record their votes on the Regalia question: and they voted in the affirmative. See Yeas and Nays.

Bro. Dillingham moved to reconsider the vote adopting the report of the Committee on Appeals No. 2. on the appeal of Alex. Campbell vs. G. D. of New Brunswick.

Agreed to, and on motion the report was laid on the table.

The following Protest was presented by Bro. Hunt.

Whereas, the M. W. P. has decided, that after a motion has been debated and voted upon in the usual way, the yeas and nays taken, and the result declared by the chair, the House, without a motion to reconsider may grant leave to members coming in from time to time, until the Journal is read and approved, to record their votes, even if it change the result; and has been sustained in this decision by the House. The undersigned beg leave to enter a protest against such doctrine, for the following reasons:

1. Voting by yeas and nays does not alter nor change in any way the principle of voting. None will contend that a member has the right to vote on a question unless he does so at the time it is before the House.

2. The doctrine that the vote is not final until the Journal is approved is not sound. The reading of the Journal is for the simple purpose of making it correct as to facts. All decisions correctly recorded stand without change or amendment. To teach to the contrary, is dangerous to the best interests of the community.

3. The manual by which the House is governed points out no other way in which a subject once decided can again be called up, except by a vote to reconsider, and any decision in opposition to the Journal is erroneous.

THOS. P. HUNT,
W. EDMONDS.
WM. N. SEARLES,
JACOB S. YARD.
DARIUS WELLS
JOHN C. SHEETS,
EDW. PAXSON,
E. F. BLECK,
ROBT. M. FOUST,
S. L. TILLEY,
T. E. POWERS.

Bro. Williford offered the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Rule 7, of Rules of Order, be amended by striking out "ten" and inserting "five."

Bro. Coy moved the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the M. W. S. be directed to prepare the minutes of this Session of the N. D., cause the same to be stereotyped, printed, and sent to the different G. D.'s within six weeks from the close of this Session.

Bro. Coy moved the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That an Index of the Journal of present Session be prepared by the M. W. S. and printed along with the Journal.

Bro. Coy moved the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the M. W. S. do cause to be prepared, stereotyped, and printed in pamphlet form, an Index of the several Journals of the National Division now in print.

Bros. Perry and Kennedy of N. Y. moved the following which was agreed to :

Resolved, That hereafter the M. W. Scribe be authorised to furnish all the publications of the Order to Grand Divisions at cost.

Bro. Baker of Mich. obtained leave to refer a paper to the special committee on Finance.

Bro. Hunt moved the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That whenever the National Division decides that anything is contrary to the laws and usages of the Order, that the chapter or article in which the laws and usages are to be found, be always referred to, and recorded in the minutes, so that those affected by such decision may be able to find them.

Bro. Drinkard offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

A communication from the G. D. of South Carolina, was received through the M. W. P. and referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

A communication from the National Union, D. of T. of N. A. was read and laid on the table.

The hour of special assignment for election of officers having arrived, M. W. P. appointed Bros. Coy and Black as tellers.

Bro. Perry moved the following, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That at an election for officers in the National Division in case no candidate shall have a majority of votes on the first balloting, that the candidate having the least number of votes shall be dropped, and so on at each successive balloting.

The election of officers resulted as follows :—

For M. W. P.	John W. Oliver, of New York.
“ M. W. A.	Isaac Litton, of Tennessee.
“ M. W. Scribe	Frederick A. Fickardt, of Pennsylvania.
“ M. W. T.	James B. Wood, of Pennsylvania.
“ M. W. Chaplain,	Andrew L. Stone, of Connecticut.
“ M. W. Con.	Samuel L. Tilley, of New Brunswick.
“ M. W. Sent.	James H. Enniss, of North Carolina.

Bro. Parsons moved that when the N. D. adjourn at 6½ this P. M. it do so to meet again at 8 P. M. and that the officers be installed the first thing thereafter.

Laid on the table.

Bro. Dillingham moved to instal the officers the first thing this afternoon.

Agreed to.

A resolution to give the G. D. of Mississippi power to levy a special tax on the members in its jurisdiction was referred to Committee on Constitutions.

The special committee on the case of Rep. Perry, presented the annexed

REPORT:

To THE N. D. S. of T. N. A.

Your Committee to whom were referred the official papers from the G. D.'s of New York and Connecticut, relating to the membership of P. G. W. P., J. H. Perry in the N. D. would respectfully report, that upon the examination of the papers of the G. D. of Connecticut, it is found that P. G. W. P., J. H. Perry, is claimed as belonging to their jurisdiction, and by virtue of the action of Jefferson Division, he stands suspended for a violation of the rules and usages of the Order, in adjoining another Division while a member of their own, and his name ordered to be erased from the list of representatives to the G. D. The paper from the G. D. of New York also claims P. G. W. P. Perry, as a member of E. P. Union Division of that State and a representative to the N. D.

The facts are stated as follows:—Upon application of Bro. Perry, Jefferson Division granted him a *traveling* card, when he applied for, or intended to apply for, a *withdrawal* card. This card was deposited in E. P. Union Division, and by them received, and the Bro. elected to G. D. Subsequently the matter was brought to the notice of the G. D. of N. Y. by a communication from the G. S. of Connecticut, and they proceeded to legalize the act of their Subordinate on the ground that the action had been made in good faith, intending the card to be a withdrawal "card." Thus stand the official papers in the case before the Committee. There are, however, in the hands of the committee, papers which bear materially on the matter, and which the committee have reason to believe were intended to have been made official, as upon them the action of the G. D. of Connecticut must have been to some extent based. The Committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following:—

N. D. HUNTER,
A. CAMPBELL,
CHAS. FREEMAN.

Resolved, That the G. D.'s of New York and Connecticut have leave to withdraw the papers pertaining to their action, in the case of P. G. W. P., J. H. Perry.

On the motion to adopt the previous question was called and sustained, and the resolution was agreed to.

Bro. Perry moved to reconsider the vote of adoption. Agreed to.

On motion the report and resolutions were laid on the table.

Bro. Hunt moved the following which was agreed to.

Resolved, That Bro. Perry be absolved from all blame and the above case be dismissed.

Bro. Felt offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Carpenter offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Ceremonies.

Bro. Campbell offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Committee on Finance presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 14th, 1850.

Officers and Brethren.—The Committee on Returns and Finance having examined the Returns submitted to them, find the following correct, viz: New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, Maine, Ohio, Delaware, Indiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia, Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan, New Hampshire, Louisiana, South Carolina, New Brunswick, Iowa, Nova Scotia, Vermont, Arkansas, and Florida.

In the Returns from New York your Committee observe that out of 24,947 contributing members, there appears to have been no second violation of Art. 2, a case so unprecedented, as to lead them to believe that the statement is the result of error.

The Returns from Kentucky are altogether informal, but your Committee are satisfied that this is to be ascribed to a justifiable cause, that the matter will soon be amended and will not be likely to occur a second time.

From Prince Edward's Island the statements are satisfactory except that the Return is not formal, and the money columns filled in £ s. d. instead of Dollars and cents, besides which the per centage has not yet been remitted to the M. W. S.

No returns have yet been received from the following Grand Divisions viz: District of Columbia,* Missouri, Wisconsin* and Texas,* also from Mississippi in which case the omission is the result of a calamity by which the property of that G. D. was entirely destroyed.

From Canada West* the Returns have not yet come to hand, but your Committee are assured that the omission will be shortly rectified.

Your Committee regret to state that the system of book-keeping adopted by the M. W. S. is not of that simple and concise character which is necessary to enable them fully to understand the state of his accounts; and while they see no reason whatever to apprehend the occurrence of any serious error, yet it appears to them desirable, that a book properly ruled with headed columns, according with the different sources of revenue should be carefully prepared and kept, in order that the Committee of Finance at all future sessions may be enabled to see at a glance the whole financial affairs of the N. D. These observations are not intended to be understood as implying a censure of the system of book-keeping as applicable to general accounts, but as insufficient for the purposes of a Committee whose time for examination is limited to the few days of the session of the National Division.

Your Committee highly applaud the suggestion of the M. W. S. with respect to changing the time for closing the Returns of the Grand Division from March 31st to December 31st in each year, thus affording more time for the rectification of errors and the completion of his own statements and accounts.

Your Committee approve of the suggestion of M. W. S. respecting the attestation of orders on M. W. T. by the chairman of the Committee of Finance instead of the M. W. P., and recommend its adoption.

Your Committee are of opinion that all sums under \$3.00 being due over two years by Subordinate Divisions, should be remitted upon the recommendation of the Committee of Finance.

They further recommend that the M. W. S. be empowered to close all outstanding accounts with D. M. W. P.'s with approval of the Committee of Finance.

Although the subject has not come officially under the notice of your Committee, yet deeming it to be one of deep importance, they venture to recommend that no measure be adopted by this N. D. which would tend to lessen

**** Returns since received. M. W. S.

the amount of its revenue. The National Division, composed as it is of the most zealous, talented and efficient members of our Order, as the suffrages of our brethren clearly indicate, cannot but be worthy of the trust which their position involves; and as every measure of an effective character must necessarily be attended with expense, to lessen the amount of our revenue would be to circumscribe the field of our usefulness, and retard the onward march of our God-honored instrumentality.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

J. JOHNSON,
JAMES YOUNG,
J. S. VALENTINE,

On the motion to adopt, the previous question was called and sustained, and the report was agreed to.

Bro. Grisham offered a resolution, referred to Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Hill offered a resolution referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Rockwell offered a resolution referred to Committee on Ceremonies.

A communication from the G. D. of Virginia relative to reduction of Benefits was referred to Committee on State of the Order.

National Division took a recess till afternoon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 3½ O'CLOCK.

National Division was called to order by M. W. P. Cary.

M. W. P. announced that the hour assigned for installation of the officers elect, had arrived.

M. W. P. Cary delivered the following valedictory address:—

Most Worthy Brothers:—Being about to retire from the position to which your partiality assigned me two years since, you will indulge me in a remark or two which the occasion suggests. I entered upon the discharge of the duties of this proud and prominent office in our Order, with a distrust in my own abilities, but with a corresponding confidence that in whatever I come short, your wisdom and experience would be adequate to the emergency. I had also an abiding faith that our individual or united weakness might be made strength by the Lord of Hosts. The harmony of my relations to the N. D. and the Order at large has been unbroken, and there has not occurred during my whole official or social intercourse with my brethren here or elsewhere, the slightest misunderstanding, or the least bitterness of feeling. I have but one thing personally to regret, and that is that I have not been able to render more essential service,—that I have been so unprofitable a servant. When called to lead on the hosts of this Israel to battle I determined by the help of God to make no compromises, hold no parley with the enemy, and accept of no terms but *unconditional surrender*.

Whatever may be thought by friends or enemies of the "cause we are united to perpetuate," of the wisdom of any movement made or any measure or plan recommended, I can say with an honest heart, that in all things I have been only actuated by a desire to advance and render successful the *great temperance reform*. I have ever thought and still think that every thing incorporated into our system of operation should be subordinate to the one great object

and that in all that we do as an Order we should have our eye fixed upon the stupendous, god-like enterprise of ridding this earth of stilleries, dram-shops and drunkards. The great question should be with us all, will this or that measure contribute to the cherished and central design of our organization? We must never seek for popularity or success at the *expense of principle*. With strong hands, and firm, unwavering purposes, we must unitedly attack the fortresses of the enemy, and batter down his walls, regardless as to who of us shall perish in the conflict. The victory is certain, however long it may be delayed. Whether our eyes shall behold the rewards of our labors, whether our ears shall hear the song of deliverance or not, are matters of comparatively little moment. Our chief care should be if we fall to fall with our armour on and our faces to the enemy.

With this hour my commission as the chief officer of this army expires, but not my term of service. Under the leader you have selected and to whom I am about to surrender the badge of authority, I shall enlist during the war or for life as the case may be. To my fellow soldiers whether officers or privates I commend my successor, and solicit for him the same kind consideration and brotherly regard which have in all places been extended to me, wishing only that his efforts to promote our common cause may be more abundantly blessed than mine have been.

Finally, My Dear Brothers, I commend you and our cause to the protection of God, invoking his choicest blessings upon yourselves and families in this life and a common interest in that inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away.

John W. Oliver of New York, was then presented, duly obligated and installed as Most Worthy Patriarch. M. W. P. Oliver delivered the annexed address:

BRETHREN OF THE NATIONAL DIVISION,

It is with no ordinary emotion—I may say of embarrassment—that I appear before you in the official relation your kindness has placed me. I fully appreciate the disadvantage under which I am made to appear as the successor of the distinguished brother who has occupied the position for two years past with so much ability, satisfaction and brilliancy.

Though “I am no orator as Brutus is”—and will be unable to hold up our beloved order to the admiration of congregated thousands, I trust you will not accuse me of egotism in saying, I bring to the task a heart as fully impressed with the importance and magnitude of our work as those who have gone before. My head shall ever be at work to devise, and my hands to carry forward plans for the redemption of our fellow man from “the stains of black intemperance.” In this way I shall endeavour to make some amends for what I may lack in other respects.

That I shall commit errors is more than probable. I ask that they be regarded with charity. Most respectfully do I beg your indulgence during the remainder of the present session. Called suddenly to preside over your affairs; I feel the want of that preparation so desirable to a proper understanding of the various points that may be presented. Rest assured, however, that my aim shall be, strictly to carry out the spirit of our rules.

It is with pleasure that I refer to the harmony which has, thus far, characterized our session. Though exciting topics have come before us, no unkind word has been spoken. This is as it should be. Let brotherly love continue, that we may bring the work so auspiciously begun to a satisfactory conclusion.

I thank you, most sincerely, for the confidence you have reposed in me. And now, in conclusion, I commit myself and our cause to that God to whom we all look for wisdom and success—and I invoke his richest blessing upon our farther deliberations.

The following officers elect were then duly installed:—

M. W. A.	Isaac Litton.
M. W. Scribe,	Frederick A. Fickardt.
M. W. T.	James B. Wood.
M. W. Chap.	Andrew L. Stone.
M. W. Con.	Samuel L. Tilley.

Bro. Dillingham moved that the addresses delivered by P. M. W. P. Cary and M. W. P. Oliver, be spread on the record.

Agreed to.

The report concerning votes in Grand Divisions to be taken by Divisions, was taken from the table, and on motion to adopt was not agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred a resolution from the G. D. of Pa., and one from Br. A. F. Cunningham, both asking for a change in the Ninth Article of Subordinate Divisions, so as to allow the re-election of officers, respectfully report that they are in favor of the change, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

A. F. CUNNINGHAM,
GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Second Section of the Ninth Article of the Constitution be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Not agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions, have had under consideration resolutions from Bro. Abell, of Va., and Bro. Cressey, of Michigan, asking that no alterations shall be made in the Constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Divisions, until said proposed alterations have been submitted to the respective Divisions to be affected by said alterations and two-thirds of the same agreeing thereto, notification of which shall be furnished the Most Worthy Scribe, properly authenticated, previous to the succeeding meeting of the National Division. Bro. Cressey's resolution further asks that any clause of the Constitution may be suspended one year, by a vote of two-thirds of the National Division. As regards the first proposition, your committee is of opinion that no good effect would inure to the Order, by granting the authority proposed to Subordinate Divisions; and in the second place the National Division has the power already to alter or amend any clause of the Constitution, except those specially excepted—they, therefore, respectfully ask leave to offer the following resolution

A. F. CUNNINGHAM
F. W. SMITH,
GEORGE CROSBY,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom were referred several papers on the subject of Representatives in this body, one from the G. D., of Virginia, and one from the G. D. of Ohio, asking that Grand Scribes be eligible to seats as Representatives, a resolution of Bro. W. R. Drinkard, asking the same thing, and a resolution of Bro. Parsons of Ky., and Bro. Grisham, of S. C., asking a radical change in the representative system in this body, respectfully report that they have maturely considered the same, and arrive at the following conclusions:

1st. That this body is now, by its present system, growing rapidly enough in members, and the interests of Grand Divisions are sufficiently secured thereby, without introducing a new element, that of Grand Scribes. 2. That the proposition apparently made to exclude old Past Grand Worthy Patriarchs and Grand Worthy Associates, and substitute representatives taken from the body of Grand Divisions, indiscriminately, would operate injuriously upon the Order, inasmuch as it would throw the business of this body into the hands of raw and inexperienced persons, whereby the landmarks of our Order, would be inevitably lost, and innovations would be easily introduced—destroying the unity and simplicity of our Order, and your committee respectfully recommend the following resolutions:—

A. F. CUNNINGHAM,
GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient and impolitic to change the elemental principles of representation by the introduction of new material.

Resolved, That hereafter the Representatives to this body shall consist of elected Acting and Past Grand Worthy Patriarch's only; *Provided*, That this resolution is not intended to affect the eligibility of those Associates who are entitled now to seats in the National Division,

Bro. Cary offered the annexed:—

Resolved, That the whole subject embraced in this report be referred to the several Grand Divisions for their advice in the premises, requesting an expression of their opinion at their next Annual Session.

Bro. Eginton moved the previous question which was sustained.

M. W. P. decided that the resolution to refer was cut off, by the call for previous question being sustained.

The decision of the chair was appealed from and on question the chair was sustained.

The Report and resolutions were then agreed to.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials relative to the eligibility of Thomas Chubbuck to a seat in the N. D. was taken from the table. On motion to adopt the resolution of the Committee declaring him entitled to a seat, the resolution was not agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

BOSTON, JUNE 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T. OF N. A.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom were referred communications of G. D. of New Brunswick, Massachusetts and Maryland, asking for a change

of Constitution by which "honorary members" may be admitted in Subordinate Divisions, beg leave to report, that in their judgment it would be unwise to reverse the decision of the N. D. as expressed upon the subject at previous sessions, as they believe the change entirely inexpedient, and append the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to.

Bro. Kirby moved a reconsideration of the vote concerning a change of representation in the N. D.

Agreed to, and the report and resolutions were laid on the table

Committee on Appeals, No. 2, presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 14, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

Alexander Hichborn vs. Grand Division, Nova Scotia.

In this case the Grand Division ruled that in voting by Divisions, but one representative being present from a Division entitled to five votes, under rule 13, Constitution for Grand Divisions, could cast but one vote—and that in order for the Division to give all the votes to which it was entitled, it was necessary for all its representatives to be present and vote.

The Committee are clearly of opinion that the Grand Division erred, and would submit the following resolution.

J. F. OLIVER,
N. D. ELWOOD,
NATHL. WILSON,
C. F. CLARKSON,
JOSEPH FELT,

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia be reversed, and the appeal of Alexander Hichborn sustained.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

HALL OF THE N. D., BOSTON, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

The Committee on Appeals No. 2, have had under consideration the appeal of Bro. Wm. R. Dawson of Marble City, D. No. 20, State of Missouri and respectfully submit the following report:

The facts before the Committee are briefly as follows, viz.: Bro. Wm. B. Barber of Washington D. No. 3, of St. Louis was expelled from the D. for violation of Art. 2, of the Constitution, from which decision he took an appeal to the G. D. on the ground, 1st, that the Committee appointed to investigate his case gave him no notice of the hour of their meeting. They did notify him of the place and evening on which he was requested to be present and the Bro. appeared on the same evening at about 20 minutes past 7

o'clock, and could not find any of the Committee, they having previously met and decided his case and adjourned.

2d, On the ground that the testimony submitted was written evidence, taken down by the Chairman of the Committee of Investigation *prior* to the day of trial and *without notice* to the accused of any sort and wholly *ex parte*.

The G. D. of Missouri at their meeting held on the 16th of Jan. 1850, sustained the appeal.

At a subsequent meeting, which was thinly attended, (same month, but no day given,) the subject was *reconsidered* and the appeal dismissed.

The appeal of Bro. Dawson presenting the facts is properly before us, and while your Committee are unanimously of opinion that the G. D. had a right at the *same Quarterly Session* to reconsider such vote, they are of opinion, that the action of the G. D. had on the 16th of June was correct, and that the appeal of Bro. Barker, from Washingtonian Division should be sustained and assign the following reasons, viz.:

1st. Bro. Barker was entitled to *notice of the hour* of the Committee's Meeting, as well as *the place and day*.

2d. *The testimony* upon which the Bro. was expelled was *inadmissible*. He should have had notice of *the names of the deponents* and of *the time and place* of taking their testimony, or have been permitted to confront the witnesses face to face.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the subsequent action of the G. D. of Missouri be *dis-approved* and that the appeal of Bro. Dawson be *sustained*.

J. W. OLIVER,
JOSEPH FELT,
N. D. ELWOOD,
C. F. CLARKSON,
NATHANIEL WILSON.

Agreed to.

On motion Bro. Slack read the annexed Protest, and it was ordered to be spread on the record.

PROTEST.

Boston, June 14, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T. OF N. A.

Whereas, At the Session of this body, on Thursday, the 13th day of the present month, a report from the Committee on Appeals, No. 1. concluding with the words "the admission of negroes into Sub. or Grand Divisions be declared improper and illegal," was summarily adopted without explanation or debate; and, whereas, it is provided by the second section of Art. 5th of the Constitution of Subordinates, that the *only* disqualification for membership into this Order is by reason of *immorality of character, or incapacity of earning a livelihood, or the means of support*; and, whereas, there are already in membership with this Order, colored brethren of high moral character and general excellence, upon whom is placed by the adoption of the foregoing report an undeserved stigma; and whereas, by the action herein alluded to a departure has been made from the *constitutional* qualifications for membership, thus giving opportunity for future disturbance to the harmony of the Order by calling in question the suitability of candidates; and whereas, power has been exercised by this action, which properly should be invested in Subordinates,—we, therefore

PROTEST,

against said action, as a departure from the established constitutional basis of the Order, and as tending to disturb the otherwise peaceful growth of its principles.

Respectfully presented by

CHAS. W. SLACK, of	Mass.
WILLIAM R. STACY,	"
EDWIN P. HILL,	New Hampshire.
JOSHUA NYE, Jr., of	Maine.
EDWARD STACEY,	C. W.
DAN'L BAXTER, of	Mass.

With approval of Bro. W. A. WHITE, of Mass., who does not, at present, consider himself a member of the National Division.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions have had before them the resolution of W. Rockwell, asking such an alteration of the Constitution of Subordinate Divisions, as that service as chaplain for two terms shall render a brother eligible to the office of Worthy Associate—have considered the same—and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved That Art. IX. Sec. 1, be amended by adding the words, "*or as Chaplain.*"

F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM,
GEORGE CROSBY:

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred resolutions of the G. D. of Virginia and others, asking an alteration of Art. 8, Sect. 1, of Revised Rules, report that inasmuch as a Division cannot recall the pass-word, the change asked for would be inexpedient. Your Committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred a resolution of the G. D. of Maryland, asking such a change in the Law of the Order as shall place the power to "alter or repeal" the beneficiary feature of the Order in the hands of the Grand Division, beg leave to report, that believing that subject is now entrusted to good hands, your Committee deem it inexpedient to make any change at present, and therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to

* Bro. W. A. White was held to be a member notwithstanding, otherwise his name could not appear. M. W. S.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred a resolution of the G. D. of Virginia, asking this National Division to grant permission to Charles City Division, No. 135, to erase certain names from their charter, and insert others in their place, report that inasmuch as Art. XII. Sec. 2, Revised Rules, declares that it shall not be done—it would be inexpedient to grant the request.

Your Committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred a resolution of the G. D. of Kentucky, asking consent of the N. D. to hold a session in July next, and that the power to hold quarterly sessions be restored to G. D., beg leave to report that inasmuch as the right to hold quarterly sessions or not, is already vested in the G. D. no action of this body is necessary on that subject.

Your Committee therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to.

Bro. Eginton, on leave offered the following :—

Resolved, That the G. D. of Kentucky be permitted to hold a session of the G. D. at Harrodsburgh, in July 1850.

Agreed to.

The various resolutions fixing the place of the next meeting of the National Division, were taken from the table.

Bro. Creagh offered the following :—

Resolved, That the several places be put in nomination, and the place having the highest vote be selected.

Agreed to.

Bro. Cary offered the following :—

Resolved, That the eighth session of the National Division be held in city of Montreal on the third Tuesday of June, 1851.

Bro. Eginton moved to amend by striking out "Montreal," and inserting "Toronto."

The amendment was agreed to.

The National Division took a recess until to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING. 8 O'CLOCK.

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Oliver.

Minutes of yesterday read, amended and approved.

Bro. P. S. White moved a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday refusing to admit Thomas Chubbuck to a seat as a Representative from Vermont.

The previous question was taken, and the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question on adoption of the Report of the Committee was then taken by Yeas and Nays with the following result:—

Yeas—John S. Graham, James H. Perry, Philip S. White, Ernest F. Bleck, Thomas P. Hunt, Edward Paxson, Benjamin F. Yard, James Young, James S. Clark, Edward B. Cooke, Friend W. Smith, Andrew L. Stone, Samuel Ellis, Charles W. Slack, William R. Stacy, A. F. Cunningham, Samuel F. Cary, Joshua S. Valentine, Coker F. Clarkson, Fabius M. Finch, Benjamin T. Kavanagh, Isaac Paul, Joseph Felt, William S. Williford, Nelson D. Elwood, John F. Grosh, Henry C. Park, Edwin P. Hill, Albert M. Baker, William S. Stewart, James Patterson, Asa Coy, William Burrell, Edward Stacey.—Yeas 34.

Nays—Daniel H. Sands, William S. Dillingham, William Edmonds, George Crosby, William N. Searles, Alexander P. Abell, William R. Drinkard, Charles Freeman, Isaac Litton, James H. Enniss, David W. Weir, Charles Eginton, John H. Heywood, Charles B. Parsons, Alonzo Cressey, Joseph Grisham, Memorable W. Creagh, Thomas E. Powers, Arms D. Putman, John B. Smith.—Nays 20.

The M. W. P. decided the motion lost, on the ground that as the resolution contravenes Part II. Constitution of National Division, a two third vote was necessary to pass it.

The decision of the M. W. P. was appealed from, and the question of sustaining the chair being ordered to be taken by Yeas and Nays, they resulted as follows, and the decision was not sustained:

Yeas—Alexander P. Abell, George Crosby, Marcus T. Carpenter, Memorable W. Creagh, William R. Drinkard, William S. Dillingham, Charles Eginton, James H. Enniss, William Edmonds, Charles Freeman, John S. Graham, Joseph Grisham, John H. Heywood, S. R. Kirby, Isaac Litton, Charles B. Parsons, Arms D. Putman, Thomas E. Powers, Daniel H. Sands, William N. Searles, John B. Smith, Edward Stacey, William R. Stacy, David P. Weir, James Young, Benjamin F. Yard.—Yeas 26.

Nays—Lewis J. Adams, Ernest F. Bleck, Albert M. Baker, William Burrell, Asa Coy, Alonzo Cressey, Coker F. Clarkson, James S. Clark, Samuel F. Cary, A. F. Cunningham, Nelson D. Elwood, Samuel Ellis, Joseph Felt, Fabius M. Finch, John F. Grosh, Edwin P. Hill, Benjamin T. Kavanagh, Isaac Paul, James H. Perry, Henry C. Park, James

Patterson, Edward Paxson, Charles W. Slack, Andrew L. Stone, Samuel G. Smith, Friend W. Smith, William S. Stewart, Joshua S. Valentine, William S. Williford, Philip S. White.—Nays 30.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 12th, 1850.

To the N. D. S. of T. of N. A.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Division of Va., asking that part of constitution of N. D. be amended by requiring G. Ds. to furnish the aggregate of returns instead of the detailed statements now called for, respectfully report that it is inexpedient to make the proposed change, for the reason that the N. D. require these details with a view to publication, and to illustrate the history and condition of the Order as presented by each Division from year to year, in each district and county, as well as in each State, and also for the reason that it is almost as easy for Grand Scribes to furnish such details as to calculate the result from their Book of Returns, the only additional labor being that of writing the name of each Division; they would therefore submit the following resolution:

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged for the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 13th, 1850.

To the N. D., S. of T., of N. A.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the following resolution from G. D. of N. C. *Resolved*, "That a less number than seven cannot organize a G. D. for initiation or any other business" would respectfully report that the G. D. of N. C. are correct. Rule XIV, of G. D. Constitution reading "Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

The Committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject,

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 13th, 1850.

To the N. D. S. of T. of N. A.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the proposition of P. G. W. P. Yard to amend Art. III. sec. 3, of Constitution of Subordinate Divisions by striking out the words "notify all Subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles from its place of meeting within one week after, of the name,

occupation and residence of every person suspended, rejected and expelled from this Division,"respectfully report that although such an alteration would perhaps prove serviceable in such large cities and districts where Divisions are numerous, yet your Committee believe that the present plan is one of general utility to the greater portions of Divisions throughout our jurisdiction, and would therefore submit the following resolution :

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT :

Boston, June 13, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T. OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the resolution of the G. D. of Mississippi, asking that their Constitution be amended by permitting them to hold their Annual Session on the fourth Monday in November, because of the inconvenience of procuring a large attendance of Representatives in October, would report that they are of opinion that the request should be complied with for the reasons set forth, and would therefore submit the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Constitution of G. D. of Mississippi, be amended by striking out "fourth Monday in October" and inserting "fourth Monday in November."

GEORGE CROSBY,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Bro. Finch moved to amend by inserting "Indiana" after the word "Mississippi," which was agreed to.

Bro. Crosby moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment.
Not agreed to.

Bro. Eginton moved to strike out the words "fourth Monday."

Bro. Cunningham moved that the Report be recommitted.
Not agreed to.

Bro. Smith of Wisconsin, moved the previous question, which was ordered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Report as amended, it was decided in the negative.

Bro. Kirby offered a resolution, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT :

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T. OF N. A. Boston, June 15, 1850.

The Committee of Constitutions have had under consideration the proposition of G. W. A. Carpenter, to give the G. D. of Mississippi the power to levy a tax on each member within their jurisdiction, of twenty-five cents, for the establishment of a representative fund, and would respectfully report that the

proposition is in direct violation of Sec. 1, of Art. IV., Chap. II. of Revised Rules, and in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the request and offer the following:—

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

BOSTON, June 15, 1850.

The Committee of Constitutions have had under consideration the proposition of Bro. Campbell, of N. B., to amend the Constitution by adding as Art. XI, "That after Oct. 1st next, the regular meetings of S. D. shall be held once at least, in each fortnight; respectfully report that they do not believe it would be wise to make the proposed change, and offer the following:—

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Bro. Elwood moved that the Report be recommitted, with the annexed:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions be requested to enquire into the expediency of leaving it to Grand Divisions to regulate the frequency of the regular meetings of their respective Subordinates.

Not agreed to.

Report of Committee agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION, S. OF T. OF N. A.

BOSTON, June 13, 1850.

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred a resolution of the G. D. of Ohio, asking a representation in the G. D. based upon the numerical strength of Divisions, respectfully report that it is inexpedient at the present time to legislate upon that, as Divisions can be thus represented in Grand Divisions at any time by a call for a vote by Divisions, and it is believed that the present system of representation is well adapted to the good of the Order and to the best interests of the Grand Divisions, and therefore submit the following:—

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM,

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 15th, 1850.

TO THE N. D. S. OF T.

The Committee of Constitutions having had under consideration the proposition of G. D. of N. S. to reduce the minimum of initiation fees to one dollar and fifty cents, and the minimum of monthly dues to twelve and one-half cents, respectfully report, that in their judgment the present minimum rates of fees and dues are sufficiently low for the proper support of Divisions, and that the proposed change would be inexpedient, and offer the following:

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 15th, 1850.

TO THE N. D. S. OF T.

The Committee of Constitutions have had under consideration the proposition of P. G. W. P. Oliver, to so change Rules 5 and 11, Constitution of G. D. as to order that nomination for officers in G. D. shall be made at the regular session preceding the annual session, and that the election shall take place in Subordinate Divisions at the first meeting in September, and that each representative to G. D. shall be entitled to vote. Your Committee would respectfully report, that they deem the proposed change inexpedient, and submit the following:

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Committee on Funeral ceremony presented a report, containing a suitable ceremony, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Tracts, appointed at the last session presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 14, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

At the last Annual Session of the National Division it was agreed that a series of tracts should be prepared "under its patronage," and a Committee was appointed for the purpose of selecting writers, revising the manuscripts, causing them to be stereotyped &c. That Committee would report that they have issued two tracts—one on the *Nature and Effect of Alcoholic Liquors* by Bro. Horace Greely of New York—the other on the *Manufacture and Traffic in Alcoholic and Intoxicating Beverages*, by M. W. P. Samuel F. Cary of Ohio, —both worthy the reputation of their distinguished authors.

As was anticipated this movement has been highly popular and productive of great good. Immediately after the tracts were issued early copies were forwarded to all the Grand Scribes and Temperance Journals, with a view to simultaneous publication. This had the desired effect, and several sets of stereotype plates were forwarded to orders from different parts of the jurisdiction.

From the best information to be obtained the Committee believe that at least 300,000 copies of Bro. Greeley's and 150,000 of Bro. Cary's tracts just issued have been circulated, and the work really appears to have but just begun.

It was the design of the Committee to have issued a tract monthly through the year. In this however they were disappointed in consequence of being unable to obtain the manuscripts. Many eminent writers cheerfully consented to contribute, who from a variety of circumstances have been unable as yet to comply.

Few can properly estimate the power of this enterprise. It enables a Division or a few individuals at a trifling cost, to carry the most searching appeals home to the hearts and consciences of the people. It gives all something to do—and makes the humblest brother an eloquent and efficient laborer in our ennobling work. We therefore recommend the appointment of another Committee, and that the matter be vigorously followed up.

J. W. OLIVER,
PHILIP S. WHITE.

Laid on the table.

Committee on M. W. P.'s. communication presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the M. W. P. Cary's report having had under their consideration that portion of that document which alludes to the tract distribution entered upon during the past year, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your Committee the plan is one which will result in immense good to the cause of Temperance. That the only objection which has been urged against the plan is, in the opinion of your Committee, based upon a misunderstanding of the matter. The National Division are put to no expense in the publication of these tracts: all that the National Division do, is by its Committee to sanction and approve the tracts, and supervise the stereotyping of the plates, and then any person who chooses may publish the tracts at his own expense. By the adoption of this plan we secure the conservative power and influence of this National Division over private enterprise, and thus press it into the service of our cause and make it to act efficaciously and safely. Your Committee are fully of the opinion that wherever the plan of tract distribution has been tried it has been found productive of great good, and has been fully approved by the order; and that it is in those sections of the country only where the plan has not been tried that there are any objections made.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

M. W. CREAGH,
A. M. BAKER,
J. H. HEYWOOD.

1st. *Resolved*, That the plan adopted by the last Session of the National Division in regard to the preparation of tracts, inasmuch as it involves no expense on the part of the National Division and no assumption of power, and as it has proved eminently successful in many portions of our jurisdiction, be approved and continued.

2d. *Resolved*, That the same Committee, Bros. Oliver, White and Cary, be continued.

Agreed to.

The Report of the Committee on Tracts was taken from the table.
On motion agreed to.

Committee on M. W. P.'s. communication presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the M. W. P. Cary's Report, having had under consideration that part of it which alludes to the beneficial part of our system of organization, beg leave to report:

That by the present rule, the whole matter of benefits is left with the Subordinates, as well funeral benefits as sick benefits; and inasmuch as the rule has been found to work well, we see no occasion for our interfering with it. As however it appears, that in some Divisions a doubt has arisen as to whether the funeral benefits are not an exception to the general rule, in order to remove all doubt, your committee offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:—

Resolved, That the subject of benefits, funeral as well as others, is to be regulated by the by-laws of Subordinate Divisions, subject to the Constitution.

M. W. CREAGH,
A. M. BAKER,
J. H. HAYWOOD.

Agreed to.

Committee on Report of M. W. S. presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the M. W. S., beg leave respectfully to report that we have examined the accounts and vouchers and find them correct. We agree with the M. W. S. in his suggestion as to the forms and ceremonies of the Order, and recommend that a committee of seven be appointed with power to employ persons by offering a premium of \$ for the best set of forms and ceremonies, which said Committee may adopt in such manner as they may deem expedient.

In regard to the suspension and expulsion of members for non-payment of dues the committee believe that some action should be taken at this Session, and herewith submit a resolution marked No. 2.

In regard to the eligibility of Grand Scribes to seats in the National Division, we agree with the suggestion of the M. W. S. and herewith submit a resolution marked No. 3.

In regard to the suggestion of the M. W. S. as to the headings of the returns, we believe that the annual returns should be changed, and suggest that the M. W. S. should be authorized to have such returns printed as he shall deem suitable.

The committee herewith submit resolutions No. 4, 5, and 6, and ask their adoption, and there being a difference of opinion among the members of the committee as to the other suggestions of the M. W. S., respectfully submit the same to the National Division.

No. 2. *Resolved*, That from and after the first day of October, 1850, a member of a Subordinate Division in arrears for dues to the amount of 4,00 shall not be entitled to receive any benefits until two months after he shall have become clear of the books, and shall not be eligible to fill any office or vote on any appropriations, and that the rule recognising the suspension or expulsion of members for the non-payment of dues be and the same is hereby repealed.

No. 3. *Resolved*, That hereafter all Grand Scribes be eligible to seats in the National Division during the period for which they are elected on the production of a certificate of election signed by the G. W. P., or the G. W. A. in the absence of the G. W. P.

No. 4. *Resolved*, That from and after the present session, section 5 of Part 4, of Const. of N. D. be so amended that orders on the M. W. T. shall be attested by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance instead of the M. W. P.

No. 5. *Resolved*, That the M. W. S., under the superintendence of the Committee of Finance, be empowered to settle all accounts due N. D. from Sub. Divisions and D. M. W. P. on such terms as they may deem best for the interest of the Order.

No. 6. *Resolved*, That a member violating art. 2, shall not be entitled to benefits for six months after he is reinstated.

All of which is respectfully submitted in L. P. and F.

ISAAC LITTON,
D. W. WEIR.

The several Resolutions were taken up separately for action.

Resolution No. 2. was indefinitely postponed.

No. 3. was laid on the table.

No. 4. was indefinitely postponed.

No. 5. was indefinitely postponed.

No. 6. was laid on the table.

Bro. Eginton moved the following :—

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on the M. W. S.'s report as refers to the adoption of a new form of Ceremonies for Subordinate Divisions, be referred to the several Grand Divisions for their consideration at their next respective annual sessions, and for an expression of opinion in favor or against having a new ritual.

Agreed to.

Committee on M. W. Treasurer's Report presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the M. W. Treasurer beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the same and compared it with the vouchers by him presented, and find the same correct and all monies accounted for, except one note for \$20 upon the Northern Bank of Kentucky, which we have been unable to trace to the source from which it was received, except that the M. W. T. informs the Committee that he received it from the M. W. S. of which fact the M. W. S. has had no previous information—also that there are seven dollars of worthless notes, six dollars of which was received of the Montgomery Division, Texas, some two years since.

Your Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the seven dollars be destroyed, and that a five dollar note on a Bank in Delaware, be also destroyed, and the above be placed to the credit of the M. W. T.:

Your Committee further report, that on examination of the vouchers of the M. W. T. we find his accounts correct, and showing a balance in his hands on the 15th May, 1850, of

The M. W. T. has received since the 15th May, 1850, the sum of

Making, now in his hands, the sum of

The M. W. T. has produced before the Committee, showing a balance to his credit in the Bank of Commerce (Philadelphia) to the amount of the balance in his hands on the 15th May, 1850, and further showing a deposit on the 8th June, 1850, of \$445; and the M. W. T. states that most of the money

received since the 15th May, 1850, was uncurrent funds, and he pledges himself to show any member of the Committee who may be in Philadelphia on Tuesday next, or afterwards, that the whole amount is on deposit to his credit. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC LITTON
G. E. H. DAY,
D. W. WEIR.

June 13, 1860.

Amended by striking out so much as refers to destroying worthless notes, when the Report was adopted.

Bro. Day offered the following :—

1. *Resolved*, That the M. W. T. be required to give bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars with approved security, for the faithful performance of his duty.

2. *Resolved*, That Bro. Litton of Tennessee be directed to see that the above resolution be complied with; and also to ascertain whether the sum reported as in bank by the M. W. T. is subject to the order of the National Division.

Agreed to.

Bro. Ellis moved to reconsider so much of the Report on M. W. Treasurer's report as has reference to Montgomery Division of Texas. Indefinitely postponed.

Bro. P. S. White offered a resolution upon the subject of Honorary Members, referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. Williford offered a resolution concerning the practical working of sec. 4. Art. 2, Chap. 2, Revised Rules.

Referred to Committee on Constitutions.

Committee on M. W. Patriarch's report offered the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 13, 1850.

Officers and Members of the National Division :

The Committee to whom was referred the M. W. P's Report, beg leave to present the result of their deliberations in the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the pure moral principles, the generous devotion, the skilful zeal, the untiring energy, the watchful jealousy, and the efficient labours of our late M. W. P., S. F. Cary, deserve and receive the thanks of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance in America, and the same be and are hereby tendered to him; with the sincere desire of the Division, that he long may live to scatter blessings around him like a shower of gold; and, when called to rest from his labours, his abode may be, where the worthy drink of the river of the waters of life, which flows from the throne of God and the Lamb.

2. *Resolved*, That this testimonial be conveyed to Bro. Cary, in an engrossed form certified by the signatures of the M. W. P. and M. W. S. and with the seal of the N. D. attached.

3. *Resolved*, That the extension of our Order beyond the bounds of our country and even beyond the wide Atlantic is to be hailed with joy and gratitude as affording new and striking evidence of its usefulness and success.

4. *Resolved*, That while the comparative exemption of the Order of S. of T. from the ravages of the cholera, an exemption which justifies the use of stronger terms than our late M. W. P. has employed, and which was so remarkable that in the city of New Orleans out of 1200 S. of T. only three Sons fell vic-

times, calls for our earnest gratitude to the heavenly Protector; it also calls for renewed exertion on the part of all members in behalf of an association which has proved itself so true a friend to the best interests of humanity.

A. M. BAKER,
JOHN H. HEYWOOD.

Agreed to.

Committee on Appeals No. 1. offered the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Appeals No. 1, to whom was referred a recommendation of the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, p. 53, October Session, 1849, would respectfully report that the subject matter involved is one more properly cognizable by the Committee on Constitutions or the State of the Order, wherefore we recommend that this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. EGINTON,
M. T. CARPENTER,
J. B. SMITH,
THOS. E. POWERS.

Agreed to.

Same Committee offered the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Appeals No. 1, would respectfully report relative to the protest and appeal of Bro. Bradford, page 55, Journal of October Session 1849, of Grand Division of Pennsylvania—that we have not been furnished with a copy of the October Session, 1848, nor with the by-laws of said Grand Division—consequently cannot act advisedly on the subject, wherefore we desire to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. EGINTON,
M. T. CARPENTER,
J. B. SMITH,
THOS. E. POWERS.

Agreed to.

Same Committee offered the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Appeals No. 1, to whom was referred a document from Albert Division No. 11, Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia, would respectfully report that the same contains an alleged matter of grievance against the Grand Division of Nova Scotia, for reversing a certain decision of said Subordinate Division—but there is no record before us from the Grand Division, wherefore we recommend that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON,
M. T. CARPENTER,
JOHN B. SMITH,
THOMAS E. POWERS.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on appeals No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. E. C. Granniss, would respectfully report that Tomichichi Division No. 1 of Georgia, adopted among others the following Rule of Order:—

"The W. P. shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal to the Division by any *two* members. On such an appeal no brother shall speak. But no appeal can lie from the decision of the chair on strictly constitutional questions. In such case, if the Division or a member thereof is dissatisfied, reference must be had to the G. W. P. or his deputy for the district; or an appeal taken up to the Grand Division."

At the October Session 1849, of the Grand Division of Georgia, the Committee on by-laws made a majority and minority report upon said Rule. The Grand Division decided the Rule constitutional—from which this appeal hath been taken.

The undersigned are not all free from doubt as to the right of the Division to require *two* members to unite in order to appeal from the decision of the W. P.

But inasmuch as the Subordinate Divisions ought to possess that power, we have thought it most advisable not to interrupt that portion of the Rule, but all of the remaining part of the same is manifestly unconstitutional. An appeal "from the decision of the chair," must be referred immediately to the Division, otherwise the party aggrieved never could carry the case to the Grand Division.

Wherefore we recommend that so much of this appeal as relates to *two* uniting in an appeal from the W. P. be dismissed, and as to the balance of the Rule that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES EGINTON,
M. F. CARPENTER,
THOMAS E. POWERS.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on appeals to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Knapp, would respectfully report that Brother Creelman, of Kent Division, No. 42, of New Brunswick. "after riding some distance, on a wet day, and feeling unwell while stopping at a tavern, asked for brandy—and not obtaining that, rum was proffered and a glass drank—the Tavern keeper was told by the Brother that he was a S. of T. and requested not to speak of the circumstances—confidence was placed in the Tavern keeper not to divulge—this was the only occasion of using strong drink."

Such is the entire proof—charges were duly made and the matter referred to a Committee—who reported the charge sustained accompanied by a resolution for reinstatement.

The Division refused to sustain the charge—and the Grand Division of New Brunswick sustained the Subordinate Division, and dismissed the appeal pending before them—which decision has been appealed from to the National Division.

The undersigned Committee are of opinion that the charge should have been sustained by the Subordinate Division, the circumstances are such as to authorize a reinstatement, but there was a clear violation of Article 2nd, and the charge should have been sustained.

We therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Division be reversed, and the appeal to this National Division be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

C. EGINTON,
M. T. CARPENTER,
J. B. SMITH,
THOS. E. POWERS.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, Mass., June 15, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF THE S. OF T. OF NORTH AMERICA.

The Committee on Appeals, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother E. A. Wright, of Tennessee, report that Brother J. A. Wright, being in company at a "corn shucking," (so called) where intoxicating liquor in a bottle was circulated and used, and when handed to him, passed it on. For this act a charge was preferred against him for a violation of the pledge—tried by his Subordinate Division and acquitted. An appeal was therefore taken to the Grand Division of Tennessee, by whom the action of the Subordinate Division was sustained and the appeal dismissed, and from that decision this appeal has been taken.

The Committee have given the subject matter, embraced in this appeal, a careful and patient investigation, and although they have been able to arrive at a unanimous conclusion in the premises, yet they have not done so without considerable difficulty. For while we can readily conceive of instances in which the passing of a bottle containing intoxicating drink, would be clearly a violation of the pledge, we find no difficulty in conceiving others in which it would not be so. In this case the documents placed in the hands of the Committee are wholly insufficient to enable them to judge of the *quo animo*—a principle so often important in passing upon questions of this character. We are therefore left to infer that the act complained of was one of those thoughtless ones, consisting simply in receiving a bottle of spirituous liquors, while perhaps busily engaged in conversation, from a friend seated upon *one* side of the accused, and passing it to a friend upon the other side, perhaps more for the purpose of ridding himself of the unwelcome visitor than for any other.

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the action of the Grand Division of Tennessee was correct, and recommend that the appeal of Brother E. A. Wright be dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS E. POWERS,
M. T. CARPENTER,
WM. N. SEARLES,
J. B. B. SMITH,
CHAS. EGINTON

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

Boston, June 14, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T. OF N. A.

The Committee on Appeals No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. B. Brantley, of the Grand Division of Georgia, from the action of said Grand Division, have considered the same, and beg leave to report, that it appears

from the papers before us, that Marion Division No. 54, at a regular meeting held on the 23d of April 1850, elected *six* representatives to the G. D. of Georgia, and that the R. S. of said Division furnished them with their credentials but failed to annex the titles to the names of the representatives so elected, and also omitted to attach the seal of the Division. The Grand Division of Georgia admitted to seats the *two* who came to the chair subsequent to the first regular meeting in October, and excluded the remaining four. From this action of the G. D. *in excluding the four* this appeal is taken. This decision of the G. D. seems to have been made not on the ground alone, that the rejected four could not have been elected at any other time than the first regular meeting in October, but also that the omission of the title of the representatives and the absence of the seal of the Division were fatal objections to the validity of their credentials.

Your committee can see no error in this action of the G. D. of Georgia, and recommend that the appeal of Bro. Brantley be dismissed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. E. EGINTON,
THOS. E. POWERS,
WM. N. SEARLES,
J. B. SMITH.

Agreed to.

A letter was received from Bro. Wm. A. White, of Massachusetts, which was received and ordered on file.

Bro. Eginton offered the annexed, which was laid on the table.

Resolved, That the National Division will close the present session at—P. M. on this day, unless the business be sooner completed.

Committee on Appeals No. 2, presented the following

REPORT:

In the matter of Brother Hea, from the G. D. of New Brunswick.

The Committee of Appeals, No. 2, have reconsidered and reviewed the report referred back to them in this case, and have found the following facts and come to the following conclusions:

Brother Hea was charged with violating Art. 2nd, the record not showing that there were any specifications pointing out the time, place, or circumstances of the violation. It was referred to a Committee, who reported, sustaining the charge which was also sustained by the Division. There is no evidence introduced in the record, to sustain the charge, except that he sold intoxicating liquors as a medicine.

An appeal was taken to the G. D. of New Brunswick, where the Subordinate Division was sustained, the Committee stating, "that although the charge may not have been sustained on strictly constitutional ground," yet they sustain the Subordinate Division. It is appealed to the National Division. In the bill of exceptions for the appeal, which is signed by the officer of that Division, and made a part of this record, it is stated that Bro. Hea had no notice of the time and place of the trial.

Inasmuch therefore as the evidence in the case does not sustain the charge, and as the accused had no notice of the time and place of his trial, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

C. F. CLARKSON,
NATHL. WILSON,
JOSEPH FELT,
N. D. ELWOOD.

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Division of New Brunswick in the case of Brother Hea, be reversed.

Agreed to.

Committee on Ceremonies presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Massachusetts G. D. asking that the *emblem* worn by inside Sentinels of Subordinate Divisions be changed by substituting "more appropriate, genial, and peaceful insignia of station," beg leave to report that in their judgment the emblem now worn by these officers being expressive of power and authority, appropriately signifies the nature of the duties appertaining to the office of the wearer, and, as used by our Order, is not incompatible with a pure benevolent spirit. Your Committee, therefore, are constrained to report adversely to any alteration.

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on Ceremonies, &c. to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Division of Massachusetts, asking this N. D. to adopt some prescribed form of ceremony for "dedicating New Halls for the use of the Order," would report in favor of said request, and do recommend the adoption of the form for that purpose which is now on the table, and prepared by a Committee appointed at the last session of this N. D. for presentation and consideration at this time.

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY.

Bro. Drinkard moved to recommit the form presented, with instructions to abbreviate.

Agreed to.

Committee on Ceremonies presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia to whom the annexed resolutions of Bro. Carpenter were referred, respectfully submit that it is inexpedient at this time to adopt the resolutions, as there is a resolution before another Committee for a revision of the rules and ceremonies of the Order.

Resolved, That the M. W. S. shall have the Ceremonies for installing officers of Subordinate Divisions printed on cards which shall be furnished to such G. D.'s as may order, at an advance of — per cent, on cost.

Resolved, That G. S.'s shall furnish each S. D. under their respective jurisdictions with two cards containing such ceremonies, the S. D. paying a reasonable price for the same.

They ask to be excused from the further consideration of the subject.

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

BOSTON, COMMITTEE ROOM N. D. S. OF T., June 15, 1850.

The Committee on Ceremonies and Regalia, to whom was referred the recommendation of the G. D. of Kentucky, for alteration of the laws of our Order, so as to make the obligation of the pledge perpetual, report, that they consider an alteration advisable to meet the case, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the word "obligation" read "*obligations*," and the words "*in this respect*" be struck out of the W. P. charges in the B. B.

W. S. DILLINGHAM,
JOSEPH GRISHAM,
EDWARD STACEY.

Laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Ceremonies, relating to an emblem for P. M. W. Patriarchs was taken from the table.

Bro. Edmonds moved to amend by inserting "and P. M. W. A.'s."

Bro. Paxson moved to amend by inserting "P. M. W. Con.'s, and P. M. W. Sentinels."

Previous question was ordered and the resolution of the Committee was agreed to.

Committee on Finance offered the annexed

REPORT:

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T., OF NORTH AMERICA

The Committee on Returns and Finances having examined a number of bills referred to them, respectfully submit the annexed:—

JAMES YOUNG,
J. S. VALENTINE.

Resolved, That the bill of Barker and Smith for use of tables and carting same \$24—White and Potter for printing 100 copies Dedication of Halls, \$8.75—Dearborn and Rutherford for painting small banner and trimming, \$5.60—Henry K. Appleton for red jacket, repairing banner, and two pieces of ribbon \$2.08—H. W. Swett for freight from Cincinnati \$7.50—freight from Philadelphia \$1.50—Stationery for N. D. \$16—Postage 50 cts.—E. Small Price, telegraphic despatches, errand boy &c. \$3.90,—making a total of \$69.83, be paid.

They have also had handed to them by the Committee on Special Appropriations a recommendation from the Committee on M. W. P.'s report, making an appropriation for defraying contingent expenses of that officer, but believing that it does not come under their province, respectfully ask that it be referred to that Committee.

Agreed to.

Committee on State of the Order presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom were referred the following preamble and resolutions respecting the nature of the Pledge, offered by

Bro. Greagh, beg leave to report the same to the National Division, without amendment or alteration, and recommend their adoption.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

June 13th, 1850.

W. R. DRINKARD,
A. L. STONE.

Whereas, a great diversity of opinion exists in many of the Grand and Subordinate Divisions under this jurisdiction, in relation to the perpetuity of the moral obligations of our Pledge, producing consequences seriously detrimental to the vast interests of the Order, and threatening to sap and undermine its very foundations: And, whereas the larger portion of these diverse opinions against such perpetuity is based upon the second phase of the obligation which every candidate takes upon himself, and which refers to keeping inviolate the "passwords, ceremonies, and other private matters of the Order:" And whereas this injunction is upon a matter of but little importance, compared with that great fundamental basis, superstructure and finish of our institution; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That in the sense of this National Division, the moral obligation imposed by the Pledge of every Son of Temperance cannot be measured by time nor absolved from its solemn and binding effect, either by resignation from the Order, or by forfeiture of charter.

2. *Resolved*, That in order, to remedy this grave error, in the future editions of the B. B. the words "in this respect" in the second part of our general obligation, be omitted.

Bros. Litton, Baker of Michigan, and Perry called for a vote by Grand Divisions on the adoption of the Report.

National Division took a recess till 3½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Saturday, 3½ o'clock.

National Division called to order by M. W. P. Oliver.

The first business in order was to take the vote by Grand Divisions on adopting the Report of the Committee of Ceremonies relative to the perpetuity of the pledge.

The M. W. P. decided that those Grand Divisions which had not made their annual returns to this body, were not entitled to vote.

Bro. Edmonds moved that the Representatives of those Grand Divisions whose returns were not received, that were knowing to the fact of their having been made out and the per centage appropriated, should be allowed to vote.

Agreed to.

Bro. Coy moved that the Representatives of those Grand Divisions whose returns are not received, shall be allowed to vote according to the returns of the last year.

Agreed to.

The vote being taken on the first resolution resulted as follows:—

YEAS.

New York	8
New Jersey	4
Pennsylvania	7
Massachusetts	4
District of Columbia	1
Virginia	6
Maine	4
Ohio	7
Indiana	5
North Carolina	3
Kentucky	4
Georgia	5
Illinois	5
Michigan	4
Missouri	4
South Carolina	3
Alabama	5
New Brunswick	3
Wisconsin	1
Nova Scotia	4
Canada West	4
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Total.	91

NAYS.

Maryland	4
Tennessee	6
Louisiana	2
	—
Total.	12

The second resolution was agreed to.

Committee on State of the Order presented the the annexed

REPORT:

Boston, June 15, 1850.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T.

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution adopted by the Grand Division of Maryland, recommending the introduction of Degrees into our Order, and a resolution of the Grand Division of the District of Columbia opposed to their introduction, are of the opinion that no action on this subject by the National Division is required.

They, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of the National Division, the interests of the Order do not call for any action on the subject of Degrees.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD.
A. L. STONE,
PHILIP S. WHITE.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

Boston, June 15, 1850.

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the Grand Division of Pennsylvania, relative to the propriety and necessity of providing for the making and trial of charges against brothers who may hold clearance cards, and who may violate any of our laws, beg leave to report that they believe such an addition to our rules necessary, and they recommend the addition of the following section to Art. vii. Chap. 11, of Revised Rules, to be known as Sec. 10:

Sec. 10. If a member in possession of a clearance card, shall violate Art. 2, Cons. of Subordinates, or any other of our laws, a charge shall be made to the G. W. P., or his Deputy, in whose jurisdiction the offence shall have been committed, who shall transfer the same to a Subordinate Division in the vicinity of the offending brother for trial in the usual way.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD,
PHILIP S. WHITE,
A. L. STONE.

Report agreed to.

Committee on State of the Order, presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the State of the Order have had the following resolutions under consideration:

Resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution, a fund be established to be called "The Extension Fund."

2. That members of the Order pay 25 cents per annum in addition to the dues already required, to the Extension Fund.

3. This fund shall be used in employing lecturers, printing and circulating temperance information, and in premiums for such service as may be thought worthy of reward."

Your Committee are of the opinion that no additional pecuniary exactions should be made by the National Division of Subordinate Divisions.

They, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption: *Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be not adopted.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD,
A. L. STONE,
PHILIP S. WHITE.

Agreed to.

Committee on Constitutions presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Withford, of Ga., asking an explanation of Sec. 4, Art. 2, Chap. 3, of Revised Rules, have considered the same, and beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Sec. 4, Art. 2, Chap. 3, of revised rules, be amended by striking out the words "be admitted on the same terms as a new member," and inserting the words "at the option of the Division be restored by the payment of the same amount required of a new member."

GEORGE CROSBY,
F. W. SMITH,
A. F. CUNNINGHAM

Not agreed to.

Same Committee submitted the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother P. S. White, giving power to Subordinate Divisions to create "honorary members," after the persons have arrived at the age of fifty years, have maturely considered the same, and ask leave respectfully to report, that they are of opinion that the privilege asked for, would be a serious and injurious innovation upon the rules and usages of the Order, and that as the power to make such "honorary members," would be so diffused among 5000 Divisions, which number is continually increasing, it would be dangerous to the permanence and welfare of the Order, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

A. F. CUNNINGHAM,
GEORGE CROSBY.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

Committee on State of the Order presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution of the Grand Division of the State of Kentucky, asking the National Division to adopt a rule by which two or more Subordinate Divisions may be united into one, when expedience and the good of the Order may require it, beg leave to report that, in their estimation, the operation of such a rule would produce confusion in the statistical arrangements of the Order. Moreover, on the happening of any event making it expedient for two or more Subordinate Divisions to unite into one, the object can be very easily attained by the surrender of the charter by one Division, whose members can deposit their clearance cards in the other Division.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the National Division deem it inexpedient to make the rule asked for by the G. D. of Kentucky.

Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD,
A. L. STONE.

14th June, 1850.

Agreed to.

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Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred a communication from a committee appointed by the Subordinate Divisions of the City and Neck of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, protesting against the application of the Grand Division of S. C. to this body for a change of its chartered locality, beg leave to report that the action already had at this Session of the National Division upon this subject supersedes the necessity of any further recommendation of your committee.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

W. R. DRINKARD.

14th June, 1850.

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred an application from the Grand Division of the State of Texas, asking the organization of an additional Grand Division for that State to be located west of the Brazos river, beg leave to report, that they think the request should be granted for the following reasons:

1. This application is the unanimously expressed sentiment of the Grand Division of Texas.

2. The State of Texas embraces an immense tract of country, which is *naturally* divided by the Brazos river, west of which river twenty-four Subordinate Divisions are already organized.

3. The facilities of travel are very few, and far less than in any of the large States in the older settlements.

4. This subdivision of the State of Texas, will not unjustly increase the representation to this National Division.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the request of the G. D. of Texas, be granted.

Submitted in Love, Purity, and Fidelity,

W. R. DRINKARD,
A. L. STONE
PHILIP S. WHITE.

Laid on the table.

Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the state of the Order, to whom was referred the application of the Grand Division of the State of Arkansas, to change the time of the meeting of the Annual Session from October to November, beg leave to report that, they cannot recommend the change proposed, as it would necessarily confuse the business operations of the quarter in which the Annual Session is held; but being aware of the many inconveniences to which the brethren of Arkansas are subjected, from the fact that they are now compelled to hold their Annual Sessions in a very unhealthy season of the year, your committee are of opinion that a like courtesy should be extended to the Grand Division of Arkansas, that has already been extended to the Grand Divisions of the States of Alabama and Louisiana. They, therefore, recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Divisions of Arkansas, Mississippi, and South Carolina, have permission to hold their Annual Session in the month of January, 1851, if said G. D. desire it.

Submitted in L. P. and F.

W. R. DRINKARD,
A. L. STONE,
PHILIP S. WHITE,

Agreed to.

Same Committee presented the annexed

REPORT:

The Committee on the state of the Order have under consideration a memorial from a Committee of the Grand Division of Virginia, and communications from the Grand Divisions of the State of North Carolina and the District of Columbia, all relating to the action of this body respecting the reduction of benefits, and the publication of tracts, under the supervision of the National Division; and they beg leave to report that there seems to be some misapprehension by those Grand Divisions of that action.

In the reduction of benefits, or rather in reducing the minimum of weekly benefits from \$3 to \$1, the National Division simply provided for the exercise of greater liberty on the part of Subordinate Divisions in the distribution of benefits, leaving it discretionary with them to determine for themselves what particular amount (not less than \$1) they may pay to their sick brothers. We regard this as intended to relieve the poorer Divisions from what might be a necessity for a suspension of benefits, while it cannot operate against the largest liberality on the part of those Divisions who may have the ability.

The National Division, we conceive, appointed the Committee on Tracts simply for the purpose of *selecting* a series of tracts, the dissemination of which, in their estimation, would be beneficial to the Order at large—in that way recommending to S. of T. the purchase and circulation of such tracts as had been subjected to their criticism, and had received their approval. This, however, was to be done without expense to the National Division; and Grand Divisions were at perfect liberty to avail themselves of the labors of the Committee, or not, as in their wisdom they might determine.

Submitted in L. P. & F.

A. L. STONE,
PHILIP S. WHITE.

14th June, 1850.

Agreed to.

Committee on M. W. P.'s report presented the annexed

REPORT:

Boston, June 15, 1850.

Officers and Brothers.—The Committee on the M. W. P.'s report, having had under consideration that part of that document which relates to the employment of lecturers, beg leave to report, that in the opinion of your Committee, the Order and the cause have been seriously injured by itinerating, begging lecturers, who impose upon the community by passing themselves off as Sons of Temperance, and claiming influence and position and support as such; and often by their immoral character and conduct, as well as by their insolent demands for money, render themselves not only disgusting, but an injury to our Order and our cause, and are fast bringing the very name of a Temperance Lecturer into disrepute; and will quickly drive many worthy, talented, and efficient men from the field of effort, and thus cripple our efforts and weaken our hands in our glorious cause. Your Committee, therefore, report the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all Subordinate Divisions and members of the Order, to be very watchful and extremely cautious in regard to the employment of lecturers, and to require full and authentic evidence of their good standing and character.

Resolved, That we recommend to Grand Divisions the exercise of great caution and thorough preliminary investigation of the character, habits, abilities and social position of every person who presents himself to lecture within their several jurisdictions.

Resolved, That a copy of this report, and these resolutions, be by the M. W. S. sent to each Grand Division.

A. M. BAKER.
R. H. HEYWOOD.

Agreed to.

Bro. Searles offered the following :

Resolved, That the amounts paid by the several Grand Divisions to the National Fund, be passed to the credit of said Grand Divisions in the books of this National Division, and that all existing laws and resolutions regulating said fund be and are hereby repealed.

BENJ. F. YARD,
WM. N. SEARLES.

Bro. Eginton moved to refer the whole matter to the M. W. P. and M. W. Scribe, to report at the next session.

Agreed to.

Bro. P. S. White moved to appropriate the sums of thirty dollars to Bro. H. W. Swett : twenty dollars to Bro. A. W. Gorman : and fifteen dollars to Bro. E. Sewall Price for services rendered the N. D. at this session.

Agreed to.

Bro. Baker, of Michigan, moved to suspend the rule relating to money grants, so as to allow of grants at this time.

Agreed to.

Bro. Stacy, of Massachusetts, moved the following :

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to William Nichols for cleaning this Hall.

Agreed to.

Bro. Freeman offered the following :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this N. D. are hereby tendered through our M. W. S. to "Shakspear Division, No. 46, of Mass." for the gratuitous use of their Hall during the present session of this body.

Agreed to.

Bro. Baker of Michigan moved an appropriation of one hundred dollars to be paid to P. M. W. P. Cary, to reimburse him for postage and incidental expenses.

Agreed to.

Bro. Stacy moved the annexed:

Resolved, That M. W. Scribe be directed to embrace in his report on the National Fund, what Grand Divisions have contributed to the fund, the amount paid by each, together with the amount paid by the National Division for Brothers under their respective jurisdictions.

Agreed to.

Bro. Powers moved to take from the table the Communication from the National Union D. of T.

Agreed to, and on motion it was ordered to be placed in the Journal.

COMMUNICATION.

TO THE NATIONAL DIVISION OF S. OF T. OF NORTH AMERICA:

At the Annual Session of the National Union D. of T. of North America, held June 19th, 1848, on motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this National Union D. of T. are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of the National Division S. of T. for the interest manifested by them in our behalf at their meeting held June, 1848, their decision having been of vital importance to the existence of our organization.

Resolved, That while we gratefully acknowledge the *past*, we would most respectfully solicit their co-operation in our future labors in the Temperance Cause.

Certified from the Minutes.

C. SHURLOCK, W. S. S.

Bro. Perry, of New York, offered the following:

Whereas, there has been received, and read in this National Division, a letter from the "National Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," containing a copy of two resolutions, purporting to have been passed at the Annual Session of said "National Union," in June, 1848.

And whereas said resolutions directly imply, that some decision has heretofore been made by this National Division, of vital importance to said National Union, and affecting its organization.

And whereas it is understood, that the implied action of the N. D. alluded to above, refers to some decision of this body, by which the "The National Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," has been decided by this National Division to be the legitimate head of the Daughters of Temperance, and the course of the "Grand Union Daughters of Temperance of North America, condemned as irregular and insurrectionary;

Therefore, Resolved, That we consider it to be our duty to say that the inference that this N. D. has at any time recognized the legitimacy of either of these bodies is erroneous, this body never having taken any action on the subject.

Resolved, That we entertain the highest respect both for the "National Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," and for the "Grand Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," and wish them all manner of prosperity; but we cannot assume to decide upon any question at issue between them.

Laid on the table.

Bro. Williford offered the annexed :

Resolved, That the words "on the same terms as a new member" in Sec. 4th, Art. 2nd, Chap. 3d, Revised Rules, means that members suspended for six months or longer, may be admitted by paying the usual initiation fee, without ballot and initiation.

Agreed to.

Bro. Williford offered the annexed :

Resolved, That hereafter the M. W. P., M. W. S., and M. W. T. be instructed to have 250 copies of their respective reports printed previous to each session, for the use of the members of the National Division.

Agreed to.

The M. W. Sentinel elect, J. H. Enniss, was then duly installed into office.

Bill of Stacy, Richardson and Co. for printing, amount \$72, approved by the Finance Committee, was passed for payment.

The M. W. P. appointed as the Committee on P. M. W. Patriarch's Emblem, Bros. Dillingham, Searles and Fickardt.

On motion the M. W. Scribe was directed to have the alterations in the Constitutions, and the Funeral Ceremony printed immediately, and sent to each Grand Division, and to the members of the National Division.

The following Protest was presented :—

PROTEST.

The undersigned respectfully *protest* against spreading upon the records of this body, any communications from which it may be implied that this National Division has ever decided any questions at issue between the "Grand Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," and the "National Union Daughters of Temperance of North America," this body having never taken any action on that subject.

J. H. PERRY,
A. CRESSEY,
J. S. GRAHAM,
WM. N. SEARLES.

Journal of this day's proceedings, read and approved.

The following is a list of members present at the close of the Session, ordered to be called and recorded :

Lewis J. Adams, Ernest F. Bleck, Albert M. Baker, William Burrell, Asa Coy, Alonzo Cressey, Thomas Chubbuck, Samuel F. Cary, George E. H. Day, William R. Drinkard, Edward Delany, Charles Eginton, Nelson D. Elwood, James H. Enniss, Samuel Ellis, Joseph Felt, Frederick A. Fickardt, John S. Graham, Joseph Grisham, John F. Grosh, John H. Heywood, John C. Harkness, William Hannaman, James L. Jones,

Benjamin T. Kavanagh, Isaac Litton, Lucian Minor, John W. Oliver, Isaac Paul, James H. Perry, James Patterson, Charles B. Parsons, Thomas E. Powers, Edward Paxson, Daniel H. Sands, William N. Searles, Charles W. Slack, John B. Smith, Edward Stacey, William R. Stacy, William S. Stewart, William S. Williford, Philip S. White.—43.

On motion the National Division closed its Seventh Annual Session, and adjourned in Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

FREDERICK A. FICKARDT, M. W. S.

FUNERAL CEREMONY,

FOR THE ORDER OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

THE practice of funeral rites, in honor of the dead, has been general, in all ages and among all nations. With the free nations of antiquity the burial of those who had been distinguished in their lives for their martial courage or civic virtues, was conducted under the authority of the State with the greatest pomp and magnificence; and the precepts of their religion enjoined that the body of the humblest citizen should receive the last sad office that can be performed by the living for the dead, with all due solemnities.

These funeral rites, however, have not been uniform. They have varied with the changes of religious belief,—sometimes uniting a sacrifice with a ceremony, under the delusive hope that the departed spirit might receive pleasure by the honors bestowed on the body it had inhabited, or gain consequence in the shadowy land in which it had taken up its abode. But with us, we expect not “honor’s voice to provoke the silent dust,” or the most affectionate attention “to soothe the dull, cold ear of death.” Their observance manifests the respect of the living for the memory of the dead, and furnishes an opportunity for the exercise of sympathy for the bereaved, and kindness and aid to the suffering and distressed.

Among Christian nations the order for the burial of the dead—though usually short and without any external pageantry—is nevertheless exceedingly affecting, and is calculated to make a deep and lasting impression even upon the most thoughtless. In the rehearsal of the funeral service, death speaks and points to his triumphs,—a voice comes up from the cold and inanimate clay so recently warm with life and buoyant with hope, and the grave tells of the lonely companionship of the beetle and the worm, in the darkness and silence of its dreary chambers.

As our institution is highly moral in all its ends and objects—as its

design is to restrain all the evil passions of the human heart, and to improve and elevate those qualities which dignify and ennoble our nature, it would seem highly appropriate for us to have burial ceremonies peculiar to our Order, and adapted to advance the great designs we hope to accomplish.

The presiding officer of a Division, having received notice of the death of a Son of Temperance within the jurisdiction of his Division, and the time and place of interment, will, with the consent of the family or friends of the deceased, cause the Division to be convened for the necessary arrangements. The presiding officer of the Division of which the deceased was a member, may invite as many Divisions to unite in the ceremony as he thinks proper; but the whole must be under his direction—unless he chooses to delegate it to another. He may call upon any grave and worthy brother to perform the services for him. In case the deceased was not a member of any of the attending Divisions, the ceremonies are to be conducted by the presiding officer of the oldest Division, unless he waive his right, or unless the G. W. P. or a D. G. W. P., or some P. G. W. P. be present—any of whom may perform the ceremony.

Uniformity of dress should be observed, if convenient. Black clothing and black gloves would be most appropriate, with the proper badge of mourning, which is hereby declared to be the usual badge of the Order, with the rosette embossed or laid in crape.

When the brethren have assembled at the Division-room, the Division will be opened and the presiding officer will state the object of the meeting, and appoint Marshals to conduct the procession. After these preliminary arrangements are made, a procession will be formed and march to the residence of the deceased. The different Divisions, when there are more than one, will take rank according to age—except that the Division of which the deceased was a member, or the one which has charge of the ceremony, will walk nearest to the body of the dead.

The ceremony may be performed either all of it at the residence of the deceased, or all of it at the grave, or part of it at the house, and part of it at the grave. If the ceremony be performed partly at the house and partly at the grave, the following Scripture and responses will be recited at the house.

The Presiding Officer of the Division, or under his direction the Chaplain shall say—

W. P., or Chaplain. "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

Response by the Brethren. "Man that is born of a woman is of few

days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also like a shadow and continueth not."

Chaplain. "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?"

Response. "Our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

Chaplain. "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Response. "I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord; "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Chaplain. "What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away."

Response. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Chaplain. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away."

Response. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

[Here the body of the deceased will be received into the procession and borne to the grave, at the head of which the Chaplain or person conducting the ceremony, will take his stand and say—]

BROTHERS,—It hath pleased the great Disposer of events to remove one of our Fraternity from the stage of his earthly being, by the solemn and impressive Providence of death. The places that knew him shall know him no more. We shall miss him henceforth from the circles of our fellowship and the walks of our daily life. Under this bereavement our hearts are stricken with a common grief. We mourn this day the absence of a brother fallen asleep in the slumbers of the grave.

But while we thus sorrow, it becomes us to bow in submission to that sovereign hand that has made this breach in our ranks—to acknowledge our own frailty and dependence, and to entreat for ourselves timely preparation for death and eternity. We are affectingly reminded, by this new instance of mortality, that we are all alike journeying to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," and shall, one by one, lie down in the narrow house appointed for all the living. Let each of us suffer this monition of Providence, and lay the lesson solemnly to heart.

[Here, if the ceremony be performed at the grave, the body will be deposited in its resting place.]

The mortal remains of our brother we commit to the ground—his spirit to God who gave it. Whatsoever in him was lovely and of good

report we give to the safe keeping of faithful memory—his errors we consign to the embrace of oblivion. To the kindred and friends who share with us in this afflictive event we would tender the assurance of our most cordial sympathy, and in obedience to that divine principle of our Order which bids us “weep with them that weep,” would mingle our tears with theirs, in this hour of mourning.

Let us pray.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

May it please thee to bestow upon us the gift of thy grace, that we may be comforted in this our sorrow, suitably affected by this impressive admonition of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and quickened in every good word and work as we see how surely “the night cometh.”

We beseech thee to sustain and console the hearts made desolate by this bereavement. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious unto them. The Lord lift up his countenance and give them peace.

Help thy servants before thee so to act their part and fulfil their calling on earth as through thy grace to be accepted of thee continually, and after this life to attain to immortal felicity in thy heavenly kingdom—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Over this beloved dust, soon to mingle with the common earth, we speak our last adieu to the departed—Brother, farewell!

[The procession moves past the grave, and each couple, as they pass, repeat the salutation—“Brother, farewell!”]

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

[The substance of the following Ceremony was submitted to the National Division at Boston. As it contained some features which were deemed objectionable, it was referred back. The objectionable parts have been removed and some other suggestions adopted. It is here again submitted.]

DIRECTIONS.

THE G. W. P. or D. G. W. P. should preside at the Dedication of Halls if practicable.

A large glass vase, filled with water, should be placed in front of the presiding officer.

The officers occupy their usual seats, except the W. P., who sits on the right of the presiding officer.

The officers to whom parts are assigned, are W. P., W. A., C., A. C., and P. W. P.—besides the presiding officer. The Responses should also be performed by these officers—great care being taken to speak deliberately and together.

It is very important that good readers, as well as good voices, should fill the offices on the occasion of a Dedication.

It is also important that the singing should be well performed, and if practicable, accompanied with instrumental music.

The W. P. takes the chair, and after calling to order, addresses the Brother who is to dedicate the Hall.

GRAND WORTHY PATRIARCH:

Our Division having fitted up this Hall for their convenience, are here to-night, with their friends, to have it dedicated. For that purpose I respectfully invite you as the Representative of the Grand Division to occupy the chair.

The W. P. calls up. Brothers sing, during which the G. W. P. takes the chair. The W. P. takes a station on his right.

Thrice welcome, brothers, here we meet,
In Friendship's close communion join'd.
Ye Sons of Temperance, loud repeat
Your triumphs with one heart and mind.
No angry passions here should mar
Our peace, or move our social band:
For Friendship is our beacon star —
Our motto—Union, hand in hand.

The Chaplain's services may here be performed.

The G. W. P. calls down and says :

BRETHREN AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—The occasion which calls us together is one which should elicit a hearty response from the wise and philanthropic.

We come to celebrate no Pagan rites or unmeaning ceremonies. Universal Temperance and discriminating Benevolence are the objects we would promote. We seek the good, not only of those who are bound to us by the silken cords of Fraternity, but, in the broadest sense, the good of all mankind.

Every Division we establish—every Hall we dedicate—serves as a beacon-light to warn the unsuspecting voyager on life's tempestuous sea, of the shoals and quicksands, the rocks and whirlpools, of Intemperance ;—while it indicates the only sure refuge—the secure harbor of Total Abstinence from every thing that can intoxicate.

But for the influence of the Division, whose hall we are now assembled to dedicate, some present or their children might be wrecked.

All, then, are interested in our Order. Our gates are only closed to the unworthy.

We will now proceed with the dedicatory services.

G. W. P. gives two raps. W. P., W. A. G., A. C., and P. W. P. rise.

P. W. P. says—Wherefore do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and the fruit of your labor for that which satisfieth not ? Harken diligently to the words of Truth ! Be wise, and drink not.

C. says—Fermented liquors were used to a limited extent in the earliest ages of the world. Alcohol was unknown until about the seventh century, when it was discovered by the Arabians.

There is no evidence that distilled spirit was even used as a medicine until the thirteenth century. During that period, a physician in the South of Europe, believing he had discovered a universal remedy prescribed it freely. Besides curing every ill, it was thought to prolong the vital powers,—hence it was called the **WATER OF LIFE**.

P. W. P.—Fatal delusion ! What a blessing to the world had it been shunned as the **WATER OF DEATH**,—death temporal, and death spiritual !

A. C.—Soon after, it was believed that alcohol would not only cure diseases, but prevent them,—and persons in health began to use it without restraint. From that time the fatal error continued to extend among the nations of the earth.

P. W. P.—Upon all sexes and conditions—in every season and clime—its effects have been the same :—**WITHERING,—BLASTING,—CRUSHING !**

G. W. P. *says*—We have seen man in the pride of his strength, the glow of health mantling his cheek, the fire of intellect beaming from his eye, and pure benevolence lighting up every feature. Visions of earthly bliss animated his soul, and anticipations of hope irradiated his countenance.

The wife of his bosom, prided herself in the nobleness of his nature, and admired the dignity of virtue that encompassed him like a robe. His children regarded him with filial reverence, and bowed submissively to the wishes of a parent honored and beloved.

We have seen Intemperance—like a pestilence, blasting the fair face of nature, scattering death and dismay around it—prostrate this man of health, and intellect, and benevolence!

Over the sad and appalling spectacle, wife, children, friends sorrowed in bitterness of soul, for there appeared no power on earth to save.

When lo! a voice sweet as the golden harps of Heaven, came from the blissful regions of Temperance, declaring in accents of mercy—

Response,—"THE CHAINS OF THE ENTHRALLED ARE BROKEN, AND THE INTEMPERATE CAPTIVE IS FREE."

Call up and sing :

When Bacchus held despotic sway,
Triumphant o'er both sea and land,—
The Sons of Temp'rance rose in strong array,
And form'd this great Fraternal Band.
Pledge, brothers, pledge, should e'er affliction crave,
We'll fly to succor and to save.

Call down—the six officers remain standing.

G. W. P.—Listen to the golden pages of HOLY WRIT.

W. P.—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Response —LOOK NOT UPON THE WINE.

W. A.—Wo unto them that rise up early, and follow strong drink—that continue until night, till wine inflame them.

Response—AT THE LAST, IT BITETH LIKE A SERPENT AND STINGETH LIKE AN ADDER.

W. P.—The Priest and the Prophet, through wine and strong drink, have erred in vision and stumbled in judgment.

W. A.—Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth the bottle to him, that maketh him drunken.

W. P.—No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God.

G. W. P.—Hearken to the revelations of SCIENCE.

P. W. P.—All use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is an abuse.

They are mischievous under all circumstances—more destructive to human happiness than war, pestilence, or famine.

G. W. P.—In health there is no such thing as a temperate use of intoxicating drinks. In any quantity they are an enemy to the human constitution. They produce Weakness, not Strength,—Sickness, not Health,—Death, not Life!

C.—A laboring man no more needs alcoholic liquors than he needs arsenic, corrosive sublimate or opium.

A. C.—Facts are abundant to prove that those who do not use them are healthier, and can endure greater hardships, than those who do.

P. W. P.—There is no nourishment in them. In all their forms and degrees of strength, they are an indigestible, irritating poison, forever at war with man's nature, often resulting in inflammation, ulceration, mortification, cancer, and other organic affections.

G. W. P.—More than half the sudden deaths are occasioned by Intemperance. Nine out of ten who die suddenly after drinking cold water in warm weather, are killed by alcoholic liquors. More than nine out of ten of those frozen to death in cold weather, are the victims of strong drink.

P. W. P.—Besides producing disease, the use of intoxicating liquors often renders such diseases as arise from other causes, more difficult to cure and more fatal in their termination.

G. W. P.—The appetite formed by alcohol is not like the natural appetite for bread, or water, or any nourishing food or drink. What satisfied the natural appetite years ago, will satisfy it still. Not so the appetite created by alcohol; the quantity must be increased. It forever cries, "GIVE, GIVE!" and is never satisfied.

W. P.—Though a father should withstand such an appetite it may entail misery and ruin upon his children, and his children's children, for diseases arising from drinking intoxicating liquors are likely to become hereditary, even to the fourth generation.

P. W. P.—In truth, those who begin the use of intoxicating liquors, commence a process of suicide, by requiring the organs to perform an increased amount of labor, while at the same time their strength is diminished. Thus they are necessarily worn out before the time.

G. W. P.—Give ear to the dark records of the CRIMINAL CALENDER.

P. W. P.—The keepers of our prisons testify that fully three-fourths of those under their custody owe their degradation to Intemperance. Our judges inform us, that more than three-fourths of those convicted

of the horrid crime of murder, justly attribute their sad fate to Intemperance!

G. W. P.—Intemperance has entered the Halls of Science, and cast the pall of darkness over the brightest intellect, enshrouding the image of Divinity in eternal night. It has entered the Halls of Legislation and so perverted the judgment of rulers that they have armed it with the sanction of the Law—thus augmenting its frightful power, and making the State a partner in the guilt. It has entered the Courts of Justice, and corrupted those sworn to administer the laws in righteousness. It has entered the Temples of the Most High, and with a sacrilegious hand robbed Heaven of priceless jewels.

What household—what community—what State can say, *We are free from the taints of Alcohol!*—No circumstance of love or friendship, birth or intellect, wealth or power, has proved sufficient to protect man from this desolating scourge,—no place so high or lowly as to be secure from its ravage.

This wide spread and stupendous evil has but one source :

Response—MODERATE DRINKING !

G. W. P.—It has but one remedy :

Response—TOTAL ABSTINENCE NOW, TOTAL ABSTINENCE FOREVER !

G. W. P.—Therefore have we formed this Temperance Brotherhood—destined, we trust, like the sun in the heavens, to be the herald of light and life, plenty and cheerfulness to every region.

Response—THIS SHALL BE OUR AIM !

G. W. P.—But is Temperance the only virtue enjoined by our Order ?

P. W. P.—No ! It is the sacred duty of Sons of Temperance, in every position of life, to be honest, industrious, and humane—to seek the common good of mankind—to seek each other's happiness and welfare—to extend a brother's hand and a brother's welcome, in the hour of adversity or sorrow—to visit the sick—comfort the widow and, protect the orphan.

W. P.—As the rain and the snow cometh down from heaven to water the earth, and make it bud and bring forth seed to the sower and bread to the eater—so shall good actions fall softly upon the minds of men, and gently lead them within the gates of virtue.

G. W. P.—And so shall the Son of Temperance, by reflecting the genial influences of our Order upon the world, induce his fellow mortal to travel with him in the pleasant and peaceful paths of LOVE, PURITY and FIDELITY

Call up and sing.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.

Tune.

While others raise to vice a fane,
And deck the gay, voluptuous hall
Where throng the giddy, sensual, vain,
To dissipate at fashion's call:

While some ope wide the rich saloon—
Ador'nd without regard to cost—
To lure the young—and where, too soon,
All that is prized on earth is lost:

Not so the Sons of Temp'rance meet—
Far higher objects call us here ;
With songs of praise our friends we greet,
While we fair Honor's Temple rear.

Sing! brothers, sing! with hearts elate—
Join in the pæans of the free!
As now this Hall we dedicate,
To VIRTUE, LOVE, and PURITY.

During the singing the G. W. P. takes up the vase of water and advances to the front of the stand. The officers form a circle round him.

G. W. P.—(*Sprinkling the floor.*) In the name of the Order, I now solemnly dedicate this Hall to LOVE!

Response.—LOVE TO OUR BRETHREN IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH.

G. W. P.—LOVE is the highest attainment of the human mind—the purest and most exalted living principle that inhabits the heart, and allies man to his Maker. It is LOVE that impels the Son of Temperance to warn his fellow man from error's path—to seek the inebriate's wretched home, and by words of kindness and hope encourage him to a life of honor. It is LOVE that binds us together in fraternal bonds, holding as we do, various political opinions and religious creeds. It is LOVE that prompts us to open the hand of kindness to a brother's wants—to watch by his couch in sickness—to wipe from his brow the dew of death—and at last to bear his remains to the solemn place “appointed for all the living.”

Brethren—In the objects we have before us, in all our efforts to accomplish them, let LOVE cheer us on—LOVE to man however fallen and degraded,—“LOVE for our brethren in sickness and in health”—to which LOVE I solemnly dedicate this Hall!

Sing:

Our Father—God above,
 Spirit of Truth and Love
 Whom all adore!
 On us thy Spirit send,
 Prove each a faithful friend,
 And may this cause extend
 From shore to shore!

G. W. P.—(*Sprinkling*.)—I now solemnly dedicate this Hall to PURITY!

Response—PURITY OF INTENTION STRICTLY TO CARRY OUT THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH WE ARE UNITED.

G. W. P.—These objects refer only to what is good towards man, and lovely in a happy state of society. They are the offspring of LOVE,—and far removed from the cold and cruel selfishness which “passes by on the other side,” and leaves the sufferer in his anguish. Sinner and mercenary motives, selfish and ambitious schemes, should never be connected with our Order. Strictly to carry out our principles—to warn the unsuspecting—recover the lost—succor the tempted—aid the needy—demand a “PURITY of intention” such as can bear the exposure of the sunlight,—a PURITY as transparent as the sparkling streams that gush from the mountain side to slake the thirst of man. To such PURITY I solemnly dedicate this Hall.

Sing:

On the memory deep impress it,
 This, your voluntary vow;
 Let naught cause you to transgress it,
 At the shrine of honor bow—
 Let your actions
 Thus our Order's beauty show.

G. W. P.—(*Sprinkling*) I now solemnly dedicate this Hall to FIDELITY.

Response—FIDELITY TO TOTAL ABSTINENCE, AND ALL THE BINDING OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE VOLUNTARILY TAKEN UPON OURSELVES.

G. W. P.—These obligations, brethren, do not interfere with our duties to our families, with our religious opinions, or political preferences. Our obligations to the Order demand every proper effort to promote the blessings of Temperance—an inviolable secrecy of the private transactions of our brotherhood—and FIDELITY to our generous and exalted endeavours. By this FIDELITY virtue shall triumph, and man shall be redeemed from the dominion of vice.

In conclusion, I solemnly dedicate this Hall to the trio of noble virtues, LOVE, PURITY, and FIDELITY, and may PEACE and PROSPERITY

dwell within these walls! May an influence go out from this TEMPLE of FRATERNITY, that shall hasten the happy period when the waste places shall be made glad, and the wilderness blossom as the rose--- when Mercy and TRUTH shall meet together, and RIGHTEOUSNESS and PEACE shall kiss each other.

Sing:

Once more we here the pledge renew :
Of strict FIDELITY,
Still to our maxims ever true—
In LOVE and PURITY!
No unkind words our lips shall pass,
No envy sour the mind:
But each will seek the common weal,
The good of all mankind.

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